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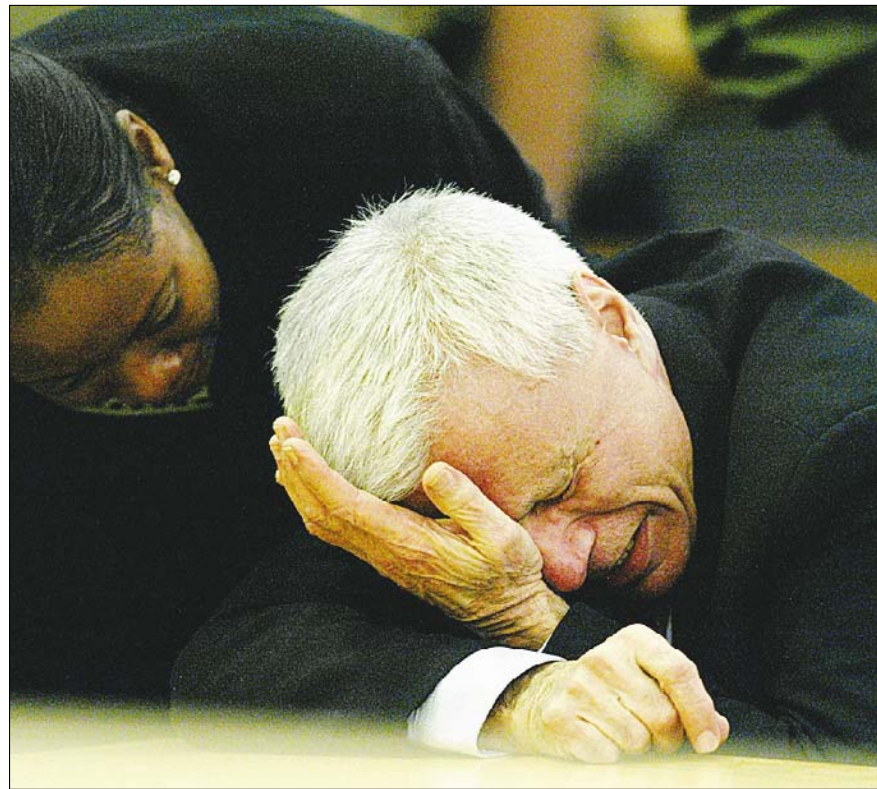
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### BLAKE VERDICT | ACTOR ACQUITTED



**COURTROOM DRAMA:** Actor Robert Blake weeps Wednesday after being found not guilty of first-degree murder in the May 2001 shooting death of his estranged wife, Bonny Lee Bakley. Blake also was found not guilty of soliciting murder. ♦ **Circumstantial:** Jury cites weak evidence | **Page 4**

## Drilling In Arctic Advances

In close vote, Senate gives oil industry access to refuge

WASHINGTON | A closely divided Senate voted Wednesday to approve oil drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge, a major victory for President Bush and a stinging defeat for environmentalists who have fought the idea for decades.

By a 51-49 vote, the Senate put a refuge drilling provision in next year's budget, depriving opponents of the chance to use a filibuster to try to block it. Filibusters, which require 60 votes to overcome, have been used to defeat drilling proposals in the past.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who has fought for 24 years to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil companies, acknowledged it still could be "a long process" before a final drilling measure clears Congress. Lawmakers must agree on the final budget, something they failed to do last year, or Wednesday's vote would have been for naught.

Also, the House did not include an Arctic refuge measure in its budget, a difference that will have to be worked out in future negotiations.

Nevertheless, the Senate made clear by its vote that a majority now supports tapping what is believed to be 10.4 billion barrels of oil or more within the refuge's 1.5 million-acre coastal plain, said Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska. Two years ago, a similar attempt to use the budget process to open the refuge failed by three votes. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)



Stevens

## WeekendPass

**Funny Business:** *The D.C. Comedy Fest* roars into town. Also, Aretha Franklin; 'Rent'; Kodo Drummers.

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## U.S. Living Fat, Dying Younger

CHICAGO | U.S. life expectancy will fall dramatically in coming years because of obesity, a startling shift in a long-running trend toward longer lives, researchers contend in a report published Thursday.

By their calculations within 50 years obesity will shorten the average life span of 77.6 years by at least two to five years. That is more than the impact of cancer or heart disease, said lead author S. Jay Olshansky, a longevity researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

This would reverse the mostly steady

increase in American life expectancy that has occurred in the past two centuries and would have tremendous social and economic consequences, the study contends.

Already, the alarming rise in childhood obesity is fueling a new trend that has shaved four to nine months off the average U.S. life span, the researchers say.

The report appears in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In an accompanying editorial, University of Pennsylvania demography expert Samuel H. Preston calls the projections "excessively gloomy." LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

**WEAPONRY | Stop or I'll Fruit** A man who attempted to hold up a London bookmaker's shop using a banana was sentenced to nearly seven years in jail for attempted robbery Wednesday. Robert Downey, 24, wrapped the fruit in a plastic bag, pointed it at the clerk and



screamed "I want the money or I will [expletive] shoot you." The clerk calmly turned to a colleague and said: "He said he has a gun, but it might be a banana." Downey produced a pair of scissors, but when that failed as well, he ran away. (AP) **Eye Openers** | Page 2

# eyeOpeners

## FEAR

### Dark Terror, on Toast

As if Marmite—a dark-brown yeast-based spread eaten by Brits—weren't scary enough on bread. A TV commercial for the savory foodstuff has been banned from children's programs in Britain after reportedly terrifying small children, Reuters reported. The ad parodied 50s



sci-fi film "The Blob," showing a giant wad of Marmite rolling down a street; some onlookers flee and others dive into it with joy. (The slogan of the new campaign: "Marmite: you either love it or hate it.") The Advertising Standards Authority cited six reports of frightened toddlers, four of whom refused to watch television after exposure to the ad. (EXPRESS)

## VANITY

### Too Much On His Plate

A vanity plate reading "TIPSY" may not be such a great idea after all. Josiah Johnson, 23, said his license plate might have tipped off the sheriff's deputy who pulled him over Friday after he left a pub in Moorhead, Minn. Now he faces third-degree drunken driving charges after

his blood-alcohol level allegedly registered twice the legal limit. Johnson said he bought the personalized license plate for his Jeep to describe the way it rode—then kept it as a joke when he got a Chevy Silverado because he likes to party. "It doesn't mean I drink and drive," he said. "It just means I have a good time." Johnson said he'll never drink and drive again. "I feel really stupid," he added. (AP)



## PETS

### Not Diggity Dog

Yes, they look a little unusual, as dogs go. But most nonetheless consider a greyhound a dog. Not Kansas, however. Two years after the state passed the Parimutuel Racing Act, a law protecting the state's pets was changed to exclude greyhounds from the designation of "dog," the Kansas City CNN affiliate KMBC reported. Greyhound lover Kevin Neuman went to Topeka Monday to protest the law before the House Agriculture Committee;

he thinks greyhounds should have the same rights as any pet. Advocates of greyhound racing say the dogs shouldn't be considered dogs because they aren't bred as pets and the law encourages better breeding for the races. (EXPRESS)



HERMANN J. KNIPPERT/AP

## MUSEUMS

### Please Don't Eat the Artwork

Most modern art doesn't make people drool. But at "Art in Chocolate," a new exhibit at Cologne, Germany's Ludwig Museum, the sculptures are made of mouthwatering goodness. "Demonstration 2005," above, was created by German artist Sonja Alhaeuser; 21 other international artists also have their work on display. Other sculptures include a chocolate hat and a set of shapely chocolate legs. (AP)

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**THE SLOW LANE:** Saje Beard's half-hour commute to class — by mule — is the envy of her four classmates at their one-room schoolhouse near Bismarck, N.D. Saje, 9, takes the lift from her mule, Ruth, each day, except when the temperature dips below zero.



## Nation

# Robert Blake Acquitted of Murder

In dramatic end to trial, jury clears actor in the death of his wife

LOS ANGELES | A jury acquitted tough-guy actor Robert Blake of murder in the shooting death of his wife four years ago, bringing a stunning end to a case that played out like pulp fiction.

The jury on Wednesday also acquitted Blake of one charge of trying to get someone to kill Bonny Lee Bakley, but deadlocked on a second solicitation charge. The jury voted

11-1 in favor of acquittal and the judge dismissed the count.

The 71-year-old star of the 1970s TV series "Baretta" dropped his head, trembled with emotion and sobbed heavily as the verdict was read. Outside the courthouse, Blake thanked his lawyers and private investigators, saying "this small band of dedicated warriors saved my life."

Blake was charged with shooting Bakley, 44, in their car outside an Italian restaurant on May 4, 2001. He faced life in prison.

No eyewitnesses, blood or DNA evidence linked Blake to the



Robert Blake reacts to hearing the verdict in his murder trial on Wednesday.

crime. The murder weapon, found in a trash bin, could not be traced to Blake, and witnesses said the minuscule amounts of gunshot residue found on Blake's hands could have come from a different gun he said he carried for protection.

"They couldn't put the gun in his hand," jury foreman Thomas Nicholson said, adding that the evidence could "never connect all the links in the chain." GREG RISLING (AP)

**Dramatic role:** The end of Blake's murder trial played out like a Hollywood script | *Today's Post, A Section*



Paul Wolfowitz was named as President Bush's choice to head the World Bank.

## Wolfowitz Picked for Bank Job

WASHINGTON | President Bush chose Paul Wolfowitz on Wednesday to head the World Bank, selecting an architect of the Iraq war whose hard-line foreign policy stance as deputy defense secretary has made him a target of critics at home and abroad.

Bush called Wolfowitz "a compassionate, decent man who will do a fine job at the World Bank."

But international aid and other groups — such as the Mobilization for Global Justice and Friends of the Earth — as well as some Democrats on Capitol Hill voiced concerns about the president's choice to take the helm of the 184-nation development bank. They say Wolfowitz, 61, lacks both the development credentials and collaborative management style needed for the job.

If approved by the bank board, Wolfowitz would replace World Bank President James Wolfensohn, who is stepping down June 1. (AP)

## Scott Peterson Sentenced to Death

Judge formally sends Calif. man to death row for killing of wife

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. | A judge sent Scott Peterson to death row for the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, after a turbulent court session in which his father-in-law warned him in a trembling voice: "You're going to burn in hell for this."

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi on Wednesday accepted the jury's recommendation that Peterson be sentenced to death, calling the killing of Laci Peterson and her fetus "cruel, uncaring, heartless and callous."

Wearing a dark suit, Peterson stared at Laci's mother without emotion as she told him he deserved



**PAINFUL DAY:** Scott Peterson's father, Lee, after final sentencing on Wednesday.

to be put to death "as soon as possible." Peterson, 32, was invited to make a statement, but declined.

Prosecutors say Peterson killed his wife, then eight months preg-

nant, in December 2002 and dumped her body in San Francisco Bay. The bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus washed ashore four months later. BRIAN SKOLOFF (AP)

## Fla. Officials Seek Sex Offender in Missing Girl Case

HOMOSASSA, FLA. | Detectives Wednesday identified a "person of interest" they want to interview in last month's disappearance of 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford as a registered sex offender who left the area without telling authorities.

John Evander Couey, 46, lived about two miles north of the child's home but sometimes stayed with relatives who live within "eyeshot" of her house, Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said.

The identification of a "person of interest" marked the first signs of any progress in the case since Jessica disappeared from her bedroom Feb. 23. (AP)

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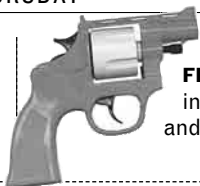
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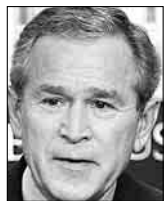
**FIRING BLANKS:** Police in Quincy, Mass., found Steven Jakaitis, 42, on Tuesday sleeping in his idling car outside a pharmacy with a nylon stocking over his head, a cap pistol and a stick-up note. He pleaded innocent to charges including attempted armed robbery.

## Bush: Iraq Coalition Not Crumbling

President addresses concerns of allies but won't discuss timetable

WASHINGTON | President Bush acknowledged Wednesday that U.S. allies are anxious to get out of Iraq but firmly denied the coalition was crumbling. He also said patience was needed to find a diplomatic solution to Iran's nuclear program.

A day after Italy announced it would begin withdrawing soldiers from Iraq by September, Bush refused to discuss the timing of any U.S. pullout. "Our troops will come home when Iraq is capable of defending herself," he said.



Bush

With little advance notice, Bush

held a news conference in the White House briefing room at which he defended his Social Security plan, expressed concern over high energy prices and reasserted his support for the death penalty and his opposition to gay marriages.

Bush urged Congress to spend its upcoming Easter recess taking the public's pulse about Social Security and then return to the Capitol with proposals for a long-term fix for the program. (AP)

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **President Bush** got most of the money he wanted for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as the House approved an \$81.4 billion measure Wednesday, pushing the total cost for fighting terrorism over \$300 billion. The House voted 388-43 to send the Senate a bill that's only about \$500 million less than what the president requested. The Senate will consider the spending package next month. (AP)

## In Brief

WASHINGTON

### Bush Chooses FCC's Martin As Agency's New Chairman

President Bush on Wednesday elevated Federal Communications Commission member Kevin Martin to chairman of an agency clamping down on broadcast indecency as it faces tough challenges in the ever-evolving age of the Internet. Martin, who has been an FCC commissioner since 2001, replaces Michael Powell in the top job. (AP)

MIAMI

### Former Caregiver Charged With Murdering Missing Girl

A woman who was supposed to be taking care of Rilya Wilson, the 4-year-old foster child whose disappearance three years ago scandalized Florida's child-protection agency, was indicted Wednesday on charges of murdering the little girl. Geralyn Graham was also charged with kidnapping and aggravated child abuse. No body has been found, prosecutors said. (AP)

SAVANNAH, GA.

### Beauty Queen Acquitted In Shooting of Boyfriend

A beauty queen who shot and killed her two-timing boyfriend was acquitted of murder Wednesday after claiming she acted in self-defense. Sharron Nicole Redmond, a former Miss Savannah, admitted shooting her boyfriend outside the home of another woman but said she thought he was reaching for a gun. He did not have a weapon. (AP)

## Court Nixes Intervening On Schiavo

TAMPA, FLA. | A state appeals court Wednesday refused to block the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube later this week, shifting the focus in the right-to-die dispute to the Legislature.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal in Lakeland turned down a request by Bob and Mary Schindler for a delay while they pursue further appeals, and for a new trial on their daughter's fate. The tube is scheduled to be removed on Friday at 1 p.m.

Florida legislators, meanwhile, pressed ahead with bills to block Michael Schiavo from having his wife's feeding tube removed. The Senate and House were scheduled to consider competing bills Thursday.

Schiavo, 41, suffered severe brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped, and lives in a persistent vegetative state. Her husband says she would not want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents dispute that, and say she could get better. (AP)



Protesters demonstrate outside of Schiavo's hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla.

### CONTESTS | BIG CHEESE



**DAIRY KING:** Chief Judge Robert Aschebrook, left, and Alice in Dairyland's Betsy Francoeur, hold up the grand champion round of cheese, a Swiss Style Emmentaler, at the U.S. Champion Cheese Contest on Wednesday in Milwaukee.

## Firefighters to Skip St. Pat's Parade

NEW YORK | If they can't march in green, hundreds of firefighters won't march at all.

In response to a fire department order prohibiting its members from wearing their customary green berets during the St. Patrick's Day Parade, a group of firefighters will watch from the sidelines Thursday — clad in their traditional holiday headgear and civilian clothes, several firefighters said Wednesday.

The group will gather along the parade route to "support our brothers and sisters as they march," said Lt. Eddie Boles of the 14th Battalion in the Bronx. But they will not march without the berets.

Fire officials issued an order this month saying only the blue dress uni-



Firefighters want to wear their green berets in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

form, including the official uniform cap, could be worn during the parade.

The beret tradition dates back to 1970, when a Bronx firefighter's mother-in-law knitted dozens of the green berets for firefighters to wear on St. Patrick's Day. (AP)

## Police Weigh In On Jackson Trial

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | The lead investigator in the Michael Jackson case testified Wednesday that the young accuser slumped down in his seat and became "choked up" when first interviewed about allegedly being molested by the pop star.

Sheriff's Sgt. Steve Robel also testified that the boy told him he was molested between five and seven times, but could not recall what happened every time.

The boy himself testified in the trial to only two molestations but said there may have been more. The boy's brother testified that he twice witnessed his brother being molested while asleep. (AP)

## Today in The Washington Post

**Mapped Out:** The newly completed genetic picture of the X chromosome still falls far short of explaining all of the mysteries of what makes a woman. | *A Section*

**Book Brouhaha:** A top Catholic cardinal has broken the church's virtual silence on "The Da Vinci Code" and told Vatican radio that no one should read the book. | *Style*



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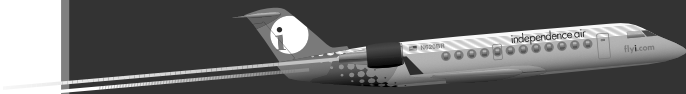
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# World



**SLUSH FUNDS:** The billionaire boss of the Samsung conglomerate, 63-year-old Lee Kun-hee, is renting three ski runs at a French Alpine resort for the next three weeks, the resort said. For about \$3,600 a day, he'll have the 5 acres of slopes for two hours.

## Iraqi Parliament Convenes

Members sworn in on day heralded by mortars

**BAGHDAD** | Two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein, Iraqi legislators were sworn in Wednesday as members of the 275-seat National Assembly, vowing to uphold freedom and democracy. But before taking their oath, they had to endure mortar barrages and wailing air raid sirens as insurgents made their presence felt.

The deputies failed to set a date to reconvene, did not elect a speaker

or even nominate a president and vice president — all of which they had hoped to do. Instead, the session was spent celebrating the moment.

"This day marks a new birth for all Iraqis. It marks the birth of the parliament," said Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the Shiite politician expected to be Iraq's next prime minister.

Many of the new deputies wore



Iraqi officials pray before the assembly's opening session in Baghdad.

traditional robes trimmed in gold, and mingled with austere Shiite clerics in black robes and turbans, while nearly all the 85 women lawmakers wore headscarves.

President Bush called the session a "bright moment" for Iraq. "We've always said this is a process, and today was a step in that process. It's a hopeful moment," Bush said in Washington.

Insurgents, hoping to disrupt the ceremony just before it began, fired seven mortar rounds in quick succession at the convention center that temporarily houses parliament in the heavily fortified Green Zone.

PATRICK QUINN (AP)

## Jet Goes Down in Russia, Killing 29

**MOSCOW** | An airliner carrying oil workers to Russia's frigid northern coast crashed and caught fire, killing 29 of the 53 people on board. Survivors used a satellite phone to call for rescue from the wreck site north of the Arctic Circle, government officials said.

The two-engine turboprop aircraft crashed Wednesday while

trying to reach an airport near the oil port of Varandei in the Nenets autonomous region on Russia's Pechora Sea shoreline, some 1,100 miles northeast of Moscow.

Citing eyewitnesses, officials said the 23-year-old plane's tail section was falling apart as the craft went down. But authorities wouldn't comment on the possible cause.

The passengers were employees and contract workers for affiliates of Russia's largest oil company, Lukoil, a company spokesman said. (AP)



A Palestinian policeman guards a police station decorated with a mural of Yasser Arafat in Jericho Wednesday after Israel transferred control of the West Bank town.

## Israel Transfers Jericho To Palestinian Control

**JERICHO, WEST BANK** | Residents of the quiet oasis of Jericho were enjoying a rare feeling during four years of Palestinian-Israeli conflict — freedom to enter their town and travel to the rest of the West Bank without being checked by Israeli soldiers — after Israel transferred the town to Palestinian control.

The handover of Jericho on Wednesday was to be the first of five town transfers. It is a boost for the town's economy and for Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, who is trying to show his people he can get results without violence.

Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared a cease-fire at

a Feb. 8 summit meeting in Egypt. Abbas was in Cairo on Wednesday trying to persuade militants from Islamic Jihad and Hamas to formally join the truce.

In Jericho, meanwhile, residents warmly welcomed Palestinian police after Israeli soldiers packed away their flags and weapons.

Palestinian police promised to confiscate illegal weapons and hand back stolen Israeli cars in coming days, according to the handover agreement. Israel pledged to consider removing the remaining two roadblocks in a month if the Palestinians fulfill their security obligations. LARA SUKHTIAN (AP)

## In Brief

### LEBANON

#### Syrian Agents Leave Beirut

Syrian intelligence agents ended their 18-year presence in Beirut on Wednesday, and emboldened residents came forward to celebrate. Syria and its allied government in Lebanon have agreed that Syrian troops and intelligence agents would redeploy east or withdraw to Syria before the end of the month. The pullback came amid increasing demands from the United States and the Lebanese opposition. (AP)

### CROATIA

#### EU Ministers Delay Member Talks Over Fugitive General

European Union foreign ministers on Wednesday delayed membership talks with Croatia because Zagreb has not sent a fugitive former general, Ante Gotovina, to the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague. The membership talks were to have opened



Sanader

Thursday. Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader denied his government was shielding Gotovina. (AP)

### JAPAN

#### Local Assembly Pushes Claim Over Islands, Angering Seoul

The provincial assembly in Shimane Prefecture voted Wednesday to assert Japan's territorial claim over a cluster of South Korean-held islands, raising the stakes in a dispute that has strained relations between the two countries. The islets are known in Japan as Takeshima and in South Korea as Dokdo. The South Korean government demanded the immediate cancellation of the move. (AP)

### BOLIVIA

#### Protests Yield as Congress OKs 50% Tax on Oil Firms

Peasants on Wednesday began dismantling roadblocks after the country's lower house of Congress ceded to their demand to raise to 50 percent the tax levied on oil companies. The bill, likely to be approved by the Senate, is a blow to President Carlos Mesa, who said the tax would drive away foreign investment. (AP)

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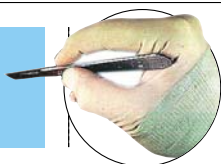
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## World



**FACE OFF:** Russian officials said they would pay for plastic surgery to create a new identity — plus a \$10 million reward — for anyone who gives details leading to the killing or capture of Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

# Judge Clears Sikhs Of '85 Jet Bombing

**Air India, airport bombs were deadliest pre-9/11 terror strikes**

VANCOUVER | After a two-year trial, a Canadian judge on Wednesday acquitted two Indian-born Sikhs of murder and other charges in the deaths of 331 people killed when bombs exploded aboard an Air India plane over the Atlantic and at a Tokyo airport 20 years ago.

British Columbia Supreme Court Justice Ian Josephson said the prosecution's key witnesses were not credible. The bombings were the deadliest terrorist strike before the Sept. 11 attacks and were Canada's worst case of mass murder.

Spectators in the courtroom, including dozens of victims' relatives, gasped when the verdicts were read. Some started wailing.

The defendants — Ripudaman



Malik

Bagri

Singh Malik, 58, and Ajaib Singh Bagri, 55 — were released.

Air India Flight 182 from Montreal to London exploded and crashed off Ireland on June 23, 1985. All 329 people on board, mostly Canadians, were killed. An hour earlier, a bomb in baggage intended for another Air India flight exploded in the Narita airport, killing two baggage handlers.

Prosecutors said the bombings were revenge by Sikh separatists for a deadly 1984 raid by Indian forces on the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the holiest Sikh site. (AP)

## CHINA | TRAINING DAY



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** A paramilitary police officer, right, corrects new recruits during a drill in Beijing on Wednesday. China recently announced that it would increase its defense budget by 12.6 percent for 2005.

## Taiwanese to March Against China Law

SAN SALVADOR | Taiwanese Vice President Annette Lu on Wednesday announced a public march to protest China's authorization of the use of military force against Taiwan, during a visit to El Salvador.

China enshrined into law on

Monday its frequent threats to attack Taiwan if the self-ruled island pursues formal independence.

"On March 26 we will have a gigantic demonstration through the streets of Taipei," Lu said during a news conference. (AP)

## U.N. Details Atrocities in N.E. Congo

KINSHASA, CONGO | Militiamen grilled bodies on a spit and boiled two girls alive, U.N. peacekeepers charged Wednesday, adding cannibalism to a list of atrocities allegedly carried out by one of the tribal groups fighting in northeast Congo.

"Those responsible for atrocities will be brought to justice," Gen. Patrick Cammaert, the U.N. commander in Congo, said as he presented a report on alleged abuses by the Patriotic Resistant Front of Ituri.

Front militiamen were suspected of killing nine U.N. peacekeepers in a Feb. 25 ambush. On March 1, militiamen fired on peacekeepers, who fought back and killed up to 60 fighters, U.N. officials said.

Fighting in eastern Congo, where thousands die every month, has made it the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, overtaking Sudan's Darfur region, the U.N.'s humanitarian chief said Wednesday. (AP)

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# Money

## Blackberry Maker To Pay Va. Firm

NEW YORK | Shares of Canadian tech standout Research In Motion Ltd. soared Wednesday after the maker of the ubiquitous Blackberry wireless e-mail devices said it would pay \$450 million to settle a patent infringement suit.

The payout to Arlington-based NTP Inc. ends a legal battle in which Canada's government had interceded after U.S. courts favored the plaintiff. The dispute began in 2002 when NTP claimed that RIM infringed on 16 of its patents, including its radio communications technology.

Research in Motion's U.S. shares jumped \$11.87, or 17.7 percent, to close at \$78.96 on Nasdaq. (AP)



**GOT BILLIONS?** Neiman Marcus said Wednesday it may put itself up for sale. The luxury retailer's stock jumped 15% on the news, as investors mulled prospects of a bidding war. (AP)

## Source: Qwest to Sweeten MCI Bid

Offer expected to rise to \$8.5B, nearly \$2B more than Verizon's

NEW YORK | Qwest Communications International Inc. is raising its offer to buy MCI Inc. to \$8.5 billion, adding nearly half a billion dollars cash to its bid to scuttle the long-distance phone company's merger with Verizon Communications Inc., a source familiar with Qwest's plans said Wednesday.

The sweetened offer, worth about \$1.8 billion more than the current value of the Verizon deal, is expected to be submitted to MCI by Wednesday evening, the source said on condition of anonymity. All three companies declined comment.

The Verizon-MCI deal calls

for MCI's board to make a determination whether any rival bid is "superior." If the deliberations lead to that conclusion, Verizon would have five days to respond with a counteroffer.

Earlier Wednesday, Verizon sent a sharply worded letter to MCI questioning Qwest's predictions of huge savings and future growth from a potential Qwest-MCI combination, citing Qwest's declining business and large debt load.

Qwest has argued that its deal will generate three times as much savings as Verizon has promised, and that a Qwest-MCI deal would raise fewer objections from government officials concerned about lost competition. The savings include up to 15,000 job cuts, or more than twice as many as Verizon plans. (AP)

## Viacom Breakup Under Consideration

NEW YORK | Frustrated with a languishing stock price, Viacom announced Wednesday that it is considering a plan to split into two companies to allow investors to value its businesses separately.

A breakup of the New York-based media conglomerate, whose prop-

erties include CBS, MTV and the Paramount movie studio, would also solve the question of who would succeed Sumner Redstone as CEO.

Confirming a report on The Wall Street Journal's Web site, Viacom said it was exploring splitting up into two entities: One anchored by

fast-growing cable networks such as MTV, led by MTV chief Tom Freston; and another built around the broadcast businesses that would be run by CBS head Les Moonves.

Freston and Moonves have been contending for the top job at Viacom since last June, when chief operating officer Mel Karmazin left, triggering the two-way race. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NeimMB	84.80	+12.60	+17.5
NeimMA	86.04	+11.29	+15.1
LongvF	19.08	+2.14	+12.6
LithiaMot	27.23	+2.17	+8.7
Viacom	37.00	+2.71	+7.9

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
DoralFin	30.58	-7.71	-20.1
TritonPCS	2.32	-.52	-18.3
GnMotr	29.01	-4.71	-14.0
Turksh	15.30	-1.95	-11.3
MittalStl	36.26	-2.95	-7.5

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GnBnd	18.21	+5.13	+39.2
OpntTch	8.84	+1.68	+23.5
NorSys	6.92	+1.17	+20.3
SigmDg	10.98	+1.68	+18.1
RschMot s	78.96	+11.87	+17.7

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Metabasis n	3.90	-3.00	-43.5
AMEN	5.10	-1.20	-19.0
Abrams	5.11	-1.13	-18.1
Cellstar If	2.32	-.46	-16.5
MicroStr	60.99	-9.84	-13.9

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.50	5.50
Fed Funds close	2.5625	2.50
3-month	2.73	2.70
2-year	3.71	3.66
10-year	4.51	4.52
30-year	4.80	4.83

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5192	.5230	.5517
Canadian Dollar	1.2037	1.2065	1.3346
European Euro	.7455	.7511	.8151
Japanese Yen	104.12	104.45	108.70
Mexican Peso	11.2270	11.2220	11.0400
Taiwanese Dollar	30.98	30.86	33.36

### DOW



### NASDAQ



### S&P 500



### Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	27.00	-.23	+1.5
BcBilVArg	16.87	-.15	-4.9
BcoSnCH	12.43	-.26	+5
BkofAm s	44.80	-.74	-4.7
Barclay	43.47	-.35	-4.8
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The percentage of obstetricians and gynecologists polled last year by the Medical Society of D.C. who say they had moved, plan to move or are considering moving practices out of the city. Their annual malpractice premiums in D.C. were \$139,528 this year, from \$75,143 in 2000.

## Red Line to Get Manager

### Metro tests program to aid customer service

WASHINGTON | Trying to improve safety, reliability and customer service, Metro is doing some management shuffling.

A pilot program should begin this spring on the Red Line, which will get its own manager. Every worker from the cleaning crew to the engineers will report to that person. The new manager's photo and e-mail address will be posted in stations, and customer complaints will be handled directly by the manager, with the help of the customer service department.

Boston has a similar system for its subway lines, while New York has

subway station managers. The Chief Operating Officer for rail, Steven Feil, came from the New York City Transit Authority.

He said the management changes reorganizing and decentralizing Metro's rail division are "the right road map."

"It highlights safety, it strengthens customer service and hopefully gives them a better understanding that we're focused on sustained reliability," Feil said.

Metro plans to add an Orange/Blue Line manager and a Yellow/Green Line manager by the end of the year. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

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Timothy Kaine, running for governor in Virginia, reaches out to voters in Herndon.

## Kaine Starts Campaign

HERNDON, VA. | Lt. Gov. Timothy M. Kaine proposed tax relief for homeowners during a four-city tour Wednesday inaugurating his campaign for governor.

In speeches to supporters at a century-old fire station in Roanoke and in a new town hall in Herndon, the Democrat said the state has to find a way to offset real estate tax assessments and tax bills that outpace inflation and incomes.

"We all appreciate when the val-

ues of our homes and farms legitimately increase. But too many Virginians are feeling squeezed by the amount of tax hikes on their homes," Kaine said in Roanoke.

It was the second day that candidates in statewide races have brought up real estate tax cuts. State Sen. Bill Bolling, R-Hanover, on Tuesday proposed a property assessment freeze for low- and middle-income homeowners 65 or older as he kicked off his bid for lieutenant governor. (AP)

## Lab Error Cited in Anthrax Scare

WASHINGTON | Federal officials began to sort through their handling of this week's anthrax scare, which closed three mail facilities and prompted nearly 900 workers to take antibiotics.

Problems included what appeared

to have been a laboratory error that wrongly suggested the presence of anthrax at a Pentagon mail facility.

The working theory is that employees at the lab that did the initial testing, Commonwealth Biotechnology Inc., in Richmond, contaminated

the Pentagon sample with actual anthrax used for comparison purposes, a Homeland Security Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday.

The Postal Service processing center reopened Wednesday; the Pentagon buildings are expected to reopen Thursday. (AP)

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## Md. Exotic Dancer Beaten to Death

ROCKVILLE, MD | The Maryland state medical examiner ruled Wednesday that an exotic dancer from Bethesda — who police believe was killed by her former boyfriend, Antoine Gatewood — was beaten to death.

An autopsy revealed that the cause of death for Emily Cagal, 24, was blunt-force trauma, and the case was ruled a homicide, Montgomery County police said. Cagal's body was found Tuesday night, buried in a remote wooded area of Upper Marlboro. A wicker foot locker from her apartment was also found in the area, police said. (AP)

## The Lotteries

### Wednesday, March 16

#### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	<b>4-5-4 (white)</b>
Evening Lucky Numbers	<b>1-0-8 (white)</b>
Mid-day DC 4	<b>1-4-8-5</b>
Evening DC 4	<b>2-7-1-9</b>
Quick Cash	<b>15-31-35-13-12-7</b>
Hot Five	<b>3-24-13-14-22</b>

#### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	<b>7-5-1</b>
Evening Pick 3	<b>9-7-0</b>
Mid-day Pick 4	<b>3-2-0-5</b>
Evening Pick 4	<b>1-4-2-6</b>

Match 5 **25-27-30-32-33 Bonus: 8**

#### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	<b>6-3-2</b>
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	<b>8-3-1</b>
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	<b>6-2-0-4</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	<b>8-5-2-9</b>
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	<b>4-11-26-27-28</b>
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	<b>2-21-24-28-31</b>

#### MULTI-STATE GAMES

Mega Millions (Tues.)	<b>14-26-27-34-44</b>
Mega Ball	<b>27</b>

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.



The number of teams of the 65 in the NCAA men's tournament to graduate at least 50 percent of its players, according to a new study. Only six of the 64 teams in the women's tournament failed to graduate 50 percent.

## Fan Fare

MARYLAND SPORTS | BY EVAN MILLAR

### A Reversal of Fans' Fortune

WHEN CBS SHOWED THE NCAA tournament pairings Sunday, the pain on Maryland fans' faces was almost too much to bear.

Tears welled up in the corners of several eyes. Some fans just sat in silence. But mainly, Terrapins fans — especially those in the Class of 2005 — pondered what went wrong over the last three years.

That class entered Maryland to a surprise Orange Bowl appearance in football and to the men's basketball team's first national championship. Those memories made this year so hard. We were spoiled from the onset.

All the criticism from Terps fans toward this year's teams made winning seem like it was Maryland's birthright.

**"The rapid change from highs to lows in Maryland's football and men's basketball is astonishing."**

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Some fans will blame recruiting and roster management. Other fans will ask if players were motivated to play each game, not just the ones against the top teams.

But really, this season was just a fluke. After all, Syracuse, which won the NCAA title two seasons ago, was in the NIT the year before.

So while Terps fans argue over what went wrong in football and men's basketball this season, chances are the programs will bounce back.

Soon enough, Ralph Friedgen will lead another surprising football team to a bowl game. Gary Williams will start another NCAA tournament streak.

And another Maryland class will be spoiled as we were.

Evan Millar is a senior at the University of Maryland, where he studies journalism.

## IDITAROD | MAN'S BEST FRIENDS



**WELL-EARNED REST:** Norwegian Robert Sorlie sits with his lead dogs Socks, left, and Blue, on Wednesday in Nome, Alaska, after overcoming insomnia and the loss of half his dogs to win his second Iditarod in three tries.

AL GRILLO/AP

## For Redskins, It's All In the Family

Veteran safety Pierson signs with team — is his cousin Brown next?

**REDSKINS** | The Washington Redskins signed safety Pierson on Wednesday and prepared to welcome free agent defensive end Courtney Brown for a visit.

Prioleau and Brown are cousins — and both were cut Monday after rejecting offers to restructure their contracts.

Prioleau, a former player at Virginia Tech, was released by the Buffalo Bills. The six-year veteran turned down Buffalo's offer in part because he wanted to go to a team where there was a better chance for more playing time.

Prioleau's signing reunites him with Redskins assistant coaches Gregg Williams and Steve Jackson,

who both coached him in Buffalo. Prioleau will compete with starters Sean Taylor and Matt Bowen for playing time.

Meanwhile, former No. 1 overall pick Brown is expected at Redskins Park on Thursday and Friday, after first visiting the Denver Broncos. Brown was cut by the Cleveland Browns after five injury-plagued seasons.

"We're in the sweepstakes," coach Joe Gibbs told WTEM radio Wednesday morning. "Here's what it's going to come down to: He's been on IR every year. He's a terrific player. It's going to come down to how much money, and what does the doctor say." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

**WHO KNEW?** The Redskins announced their 2005 exhibition opponents: Carolina (away), Cincinnati (home), Pittsburgh (home) and Baltimore (away), in that order. (AP)



Charlie Haddad, left, and Alvin Shackelford Jr., in court on Wednesday.

PAUL SANCY/AP

### 3 Fans in Brawl Given Probation

**NBA BRAWL** | Three fans were sentenced Wednesday to probation and community service for their part in a brawl among players and fans at a Pistons-Pacers game.

Alvin Shackelford Jr. and Charlie Haddad pleaded no contest to entering a performance space during the Nov. 19 melee at The Palace of Auburn Hills that spilled into the stands, while Jeremy Handley pleaded guilty to throwing objects onto the court. District Judge Lisa Asadoorian berated the defendants: "You will forever be known ... as 'one of those idiots at The Palace.'" (AP)

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## Sports

**OUT OF ACTION:** Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal, averaging a career-high 24.8 points a game this year despite serving a 15-game

suspension for his role in the infamous NBA brawl in Detroit, likely will not play again this season because of a shoulder injury.



# Illinois Takes Aim at Title

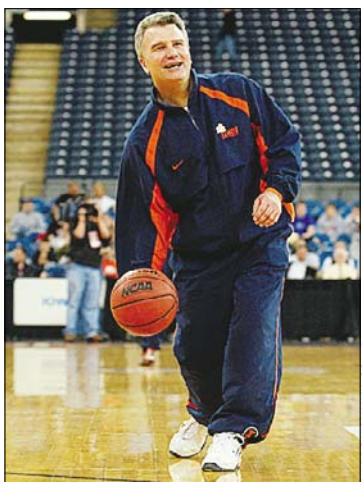
After a 32-1 season, the real work begins for No. 1-seed Illini

**COLLEGE HOOPS** | Illinois spent most of this season staking its claim as the nation's best team.

After winning 32 of 33 games, rolling to Big Ten regular-season and tournament titles and protecting its No. 1 ranking for 15 consecutive weeks, Illinois can finally focus on winning a national title.

"This is what we've worked for since last year ... to have this opportunity," coach Bruce Weber said.

Top-seeded Illinois (32-1) knows the dangers of early NCAA tournament games. Two years ago at the same Indianapolis dome where they open against 16th-seeded Fairleigh Dickinson on Thursday, the Illini



Coach Bruce Weber makes a pass during Illinois' practice on Wednesday.

escaped with a 65-60 first-round victory over Western Kentucky, then lost to Notre Dame in the second round.

There's more at stake this time. No top seed has ever lost to a 16th seed, and whether it's fair or not, Illinois fans expect nothing less than a Final Four run.

"Every team expects to get to the Final Four and I mean that," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "Illinois has had a great season, and I don't think anything that happens now you can be disappointed with because they've had a great run."

Try telling that to the Illini.

The team needs six more wins to complete the best season in the school's 100-year history with a national championship.

"They know what's on the line," Weber said. **MICHAEL MAROT (AP)**



**Top dogs:** The Washington Huskies are out to prove they deserve a No. 1 seed | **Today's Post, Sports**

## In Brief

### SOCCER

#### D.C. United Lands Guppy

English midfielder Steve Guppy, a veteran of the top leagues in England and Scotland, signed with D.C. United on Wednesday. Guppy, who turns 36 this month, has played for Newcastle United, Leicester City and Leeds United in England and with Celtic in Scotland. Most recently he played for Wycombe, a lower-division team in England. (AP)

### FOOTBALL

#### Rams Give Pace Big Deal

For the first time in four seasons, Orlando Pace will be playing with more than a one-year contract. The St. Louis Rams and the six-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle beat a looming deadline on Wednesday, agreeing on a seven-year, \$52.9 million deal. The Rams had faced a 3 p.m. deadline to re-sign Pace, who visited the Houston Texans on Monday and Tuesday to discuss a possible deal. Had the Rams failed to re-sign Pace by the deadline, the sides couldn't have signed a contract until July 15. (AP)

## TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**COLLEGE HOOPS (NOON, 2:30 P.M., 7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON CBS)** The first round of the NCAA tournament starts with top games including Pacific vs. Pittsburgh (noon), Boston College vs. Pennsylvania (2:30 p.m.) and West Virginia vs. Creighton (9:30 p.m.).

**NBA (8 P.M. ON TNT)** Once again, Shaquille O'Neal faces his old team when the Miami Heat hosts Kobe Bryant and the Lakers.

**GOLF (3 P.M. ON USA)** Chad Campbell starts his defense of the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando, Fla.

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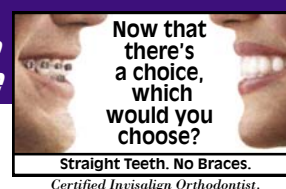
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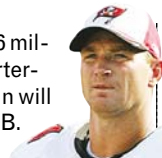
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**HE'S BACK:** The Vikings agreed to terms on a four-year, \$6 million deal with Brad Johnson Wednesday, bringing the quarterback back to where he began his career. The former Redskin will replace another ex-Redskin, Gus Frerotte, as the backup QB.



## Sports

# McGwire Plans to Testify

## Former 'Bash Brother' Canseco is denied immunity at hearing

**DOPING** | Mark McGwire plans to comply with a subpoena and attend Thursday's congressional hearing into steroid use in baseball, The Associated Press has learned.

McGwire's decision, revealed Wednesday by a representative of the former Oakland and St. Louis slugger who spoke on condition of anonymity, made it likely all six subpoenaed players would attend the session on Capitol Hill.

Less than 24 hours before the start of the highly anticipated hearing, Jose Canseco's request for immunity was denied by the House Government Reform committee, which also revealed that baseball's drug-testing agreement contains a provision that testing would be "suspended immediately" if the government conducts an independent investigation into drug use in baseball.

Sen. John McCain, who has



Jose Canseco enters the Rayburn Building Wednesday, a day before the hearing.

pushed for tougher rules, said the details of baseball's proposed new agreement angered him.

"I can reach no conclusion but that the league and the players' union have misrepresented to me and to the American public the substance of MLB's new steroid policy," he said.

Canseco's lawyer said the former AL MVP will not be able to answer questions that would incriminate him. "It begs the question as to what they're convening this hearing for," Canseco's lawyer, Robert Saunooke, said. "They effectively cut the legs off from underneath us." RONALD BLUM (AP)

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# Entertainment



**HOST WITH THE MOST MACHO:** Only an actor as heterosexual as Hugh Jackman would so test his masculinity as to host the Tony Awards ceremony not once but twice. That's right, Miss Thing — the Australian hunk is on track to return to Broadway's night of self-love.

## The Race Racket

**Skewed online bets threaten reality TV's surprise factor**

**INTERACTIVE TV** | Online wagerers: You've been eliminated.

Offshore bookie Sportsbook.com suspended betting on the winner of the seventh edition of "The Amazing Race" last week, citing unusual betting patterns on one team from accounts originating from California and Massachusetts over a 12-hour period.

"We saw a disproportionate amount of wagering coming in on them," Sportsbook.com marketing director Alex Czajkowski said.

This isn't the first reality TV show spoiled by online bets. Betting was suspended for the two "Survivors," the second "Bachelor" and the second "Apprentice" after heavy — and accurate — wagers on the winners.

But unlike "Survivor" and "Apprentice," which have live finales, "Amazing Race" is pre-taped.



**RIP 'N' READ:** "Boston" Rob and Amber open their next clue on "The Amazing Race." "Race" is a nail-biting adventure to viewers, but it isn't broadcast live.

(Warning: spoilers ahead!)

Sportsbook.com stopped accepting wagers when "thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars" were bet on Uchenna and Joyce Agu, the married couple from Houston.

"All of it was coming out of Massachusetts and California,

which is kind of strange because they're big media centers and ... not where Uchenna and Joyce come from," said Czajkowski.

"We don't confirm nor deny any information and we allow the press to run inaccurate information about the results," a CBS spokeswoman said. **DERRIK J. LANG (AP)**

## Finding Her Voice

**A 'Nashville Star' finalist figures out what she wants to be**

**MUSIC** | Think Natalie Maines just having a good time with music and you're kind of hearing Miranda Lambert's major-label debut, "Kerosene" (Epic). And like the Dixie Chicks' Maines, Lambert offers a wonderful variety of tunes, from the somber "Greyhound Bound for Nowhere," on which she talks of escaping a split-up, to the bouncy "I Can't be Bothered" and the delightful, if ungrammatical single, "Me and Charlie Talking."

Like all but one of the dozen tracks on the album, Lambert was in on the writing of "Me and Charlie" — in this case sharing the chores with her father, Rick, and country hopeful Heather Little. They offer some colorful imagery of the first hint of attraction between a couple of 10-year-olds:

"So we treat our love like a firefly, like it only gets to shine for a little while/ Catch it in a Mason jar with



Lambert makes an impressive debut with the hot-tempered "Kerosene."

holes in the top and run like hell to show it off."

She rocks out on the title tune, burning down a bad relationship, and does a bluesy lick on "Bring Me Down."

Lambert, a "Nashville Star," finalist, has come up with a solid album full of thoughtful words and tuneful melodies, delivered with fresh country conviction. **TOM GARDNER (AP)**

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**EXTRA STARRY:** The UK version of "The Office" is gone, but creator/star Ricky Gervais hasn't left TV. His new BBC comedy "Extras," about an actor dreaming of stardom, will feature star cameos like Ben Stiller, Kate Winslet and Samuel L. Jackson.



# Television

## ON TV TONIGHT

### YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

Walter Cronkite introduces **HARVEST OF SHAME** (9 p.m., Discovery Times), a groundbreaking 1960 CBS Report created and hosted by Edward R. Murrow that exposes the exploitation of America's migrant workers.

### MAKE WAY FOR THE APRIL ADO

College basketball teams from 64 colleges and universities begin the annual rite of March Madness, otherwise known as the **NCAA TOURNAMENT** (7 p.m., CBS).

### NOW SO WELL-LAID AFTER ALL

**THE O.C.** (8 p.m., Fox) Seth's best-laid plans.

### FLY JAKE. PLEASE?

The absence of "Survivor" and "Joey" from the schedule may inspire viewers to sample **JAKE IN PROGRESS** (ABC). In back-



A scene from the groundbreaking documentary "Harvest of Shame."

to-back episodes, Jake tries to surpass his rival (8 p.m.), and then offers a client romantic advice (8:30 p.m.).

### A BOYD IN THE HAND

**POINT PLEASANT** (9 p.m., Fox) Christina wants answers from Boyd. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

# A Short Goodbye

## A singer's 'Idol' exit raises more questions than it will answer

**QUITTERS** | It was quitting time all over again when "American Idol" dropout Mario Vazquez paid a visit to David Letterman's TV show.

Asked why he left the top-rated talent contest, Vazquez delivered one of Letterman's trademark lists (No. 7: "After seeing Michael Jackson, maybe I don't want to be a pop star") before abruptly dropping out after Reason No. 4.

He left the stage to laughs, never to return.



Former wannabe Idol Mario Vazquez in one of his trademark stupid hats.

Earlier Tuesday, "Idol" producers said the show must go on without Vazquez, among the 12 finalists picked by viewers. He withdrew for undisclosed personal reasons and was replaced by Nikko Smith, son of Hall of Fame baseball player Ozzie Smith.

On Monday, Vazquez tried to extinguish some of the rumors circulating about him, including the possibility of skeletons in his closet — "Crazy," he called that.

"My gut and intuition told me it wasn't time to do this," Vazquez said. He declined to comment on whether he was unhappy with the "American Idol" contract he and the other contestants signed two weeks ago and which industry observers have called restrictive.

LYNN ELBER (AP)

3.17.05	8:00 PM	8:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRC 4	News	The Simpsons	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Will & Grace (N)	Will & Grace	The Apprentice (N)	College Basketball	(9:59) ER "One for the Road"	News	News	Tonight Show
WTTG 5	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	The O.C. "The Blaze of Glory" (N)	Point Pleasant (N)	Point Pleasant (N)	PrimeTime Live	News	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WJLA 7	News	ABC World News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Jake in Progress	Jake in Progress	Extreme Makeover	College Basketball	PrimeTime Live	News	(3:35) Nightline	(3:35) Nightline
WUSA 9	News	CBS News	College Basketball	NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA, (Live)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA, (Live)	College Basketball	NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA, (Live)	NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA, (Live)	NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA, (Live)
WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	WWE SmackDown! (N)	WWE SmackDown! (N)	WWE SmackDown! (N)	WWE SmackDown! (N)	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Every- Raymond	Dharma & Greg
WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Business Conn.	May the Road Rise to Meet You	Celtic Woman	Celtic Woman	Celtic Woman	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Every- Raymond	Dharma & Greg
WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Business Conn.	May the Road Rise to Meet You	Celtic Woman	Celtic Woman	Celtic Woman	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Every- Raymond	Dharma & Greg
WHUT 26	Newport Jazz Festival 1954-2004	BBC World News	Money Wise	Money Wise	On Africa	Women of Wisdom	Women of Wisdom	Women of Wisdom	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)
WBDC 50	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	Jeff Foxworthy: The Early Daze (N)	The Starlet	The Starlet	The Starlet	Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Blind Date
A&E	City Confidential	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	The First 48	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	The Most Extreme "Moms"	The Most Extreme "Moms"	The Most Extreme "Moms"	Pet Star "Finale" Soccer-playing pig.	Pet Star "Finale" Soccer-playing pig.	Pet Star "Finale" Soccer-playing pig.	Pet Star "Finale" Soccer-playing pig.	Miami Animal Police	Pet Star "Finale" Soccer-playing pig.	Pet Star "Finale" Soccer-playing pig.	Pet Star "Finale" Soccer-playing pig.
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 (Live)	BET Style	BET Style	BET Style	The Parkers	College Hill	College Hill	College Hill	Soul Food	Lem's loyalty is tested.	BET Nightly News	106 & Park: BET's
Bravo	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	The West Wing	The West Wing	The West Wing	Elton John at Radio City	Elton John at Radio City	Elton John at Radio City	Elton John at Radio City	Elton John at Radio City	Elton John at Radio City	Elton John at Radio City	Elton John at Radio City
Comedy	Crank Yankers	Distraction	Daily Show	Mad TV	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	South Park	South Park	The Hollow Men	Daily Show
Court	NYPD Blue "Meat Me in the Park"	Cops	Cops	Cops	The Investigators	Forensic Files (N)	Body of Evidence	Body of Evidence	The Investigators	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice	Hollywood Justice
Discovery	Monster Garage	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	Anatomy of Sex	Conception to Birth	Pregnancy	Pregnancy	American Casino	Anatomy of Sex	Anatomy of Sex	Anatomy of Sex
DISCH	Paramedics "Straight Shooters"	Trauma: Life in the ER	Trauma: Life in the ER	Trauma: Life in the ER	Cheating Death	Cheating Death	Cheating Death	Cheating Death	Berman & Berman	Cheating Death	Cheating Death	Cheating Death
Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001, Fantasy)	Ryan Merriman, Alexis Lopez	Ryan Merriman, Alexis Lopez	Ryan Merriman, Alexis Lopez	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
EL	Dr. 90210 "Reconstruction"	El News (N)	Jackson Trial	Jackson Trial	Sylvester Stallone: Hollywood Story	Jackson Trial	My Crazy Life	My Crazy Life	El Hollywood Hold	Em (N)	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
FX	Fear Factor	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Mission: Orgz	Design (N)	Designers	Designers	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Fear Factor	Fear Factor
HGTV	Wind Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
Family	7th Heaven	Smallville	Smallville	Smallville	★ ★ "Baby's Day Out" (1994, Comedy)	Joe Mantegna, Lara Flynn Boyle	Joe Mantegna, Lara Flynn Boyle	Joe Mantegna, Lara Flynn Boyle	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
History	Celebrating the Green	Modern Marvels "NASCAR Tech"	Modern Marvels "NASCAR Tech"	Modern Marvels "NASCAR Tech"	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers	Modern Marvels "Distilleries"	Modern Marvels "Distilleries"	Modern Marvels "Saloons"	Modern Marvels "Saloons"
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★ ★ "Yesterday's Children" (2000, Drama)	Jane Seymour, Hume Cronyn	Jane Seymour, Hume Cronyn	Jane Seymour, Hume Cronyn	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
MTV	PowerR Girls	Nick & Jessica	Nick & Jessica	Nick & Jessica	★ ★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000, Comedy)	(PA) Sandra Bullock	(DVS)	(DVS)	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show
NICK	U-Pick	Rugrats	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	Romeo	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne	Murphy Brown
SCIFI	"Magical Legend"	★ "Skeeter" (1994, Horror)	Tracy Griffith, Jim Youngs, Charles Napier	Tracy Griffith, Jim Youngs, Charles Napier	"Mansquito" (2005, Horror)	Corin Nemec, Musetta Vander	Musetta Vander	Musetta Vander	★ ★ "Leprechaun" (1992)	★ ★ "Leprechaun" (1992)	★ ★ "Leprechaun" (1992)	★ ★ "Leprechaun" (1992)
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TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★ ★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000, Comedy)	(PA) Sandra Bullock	(DVS)	(DVS)	U.S. Marshals: The Real Story	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"
TLC	Clean Sweep	Best of What Not to Wear	Best of What Not to Wear	Best of What Not to Wear	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	U.S. Marshals: The Real Story	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"	Overhaulin' "Coolest Cars"
TNT	Charmed	Law & Order "Seed" (DVS)	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	★ ★ "Blue Crush" (2002) Kate Bosworth	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	Nurse Betty (2000)	Nurse Betty (2000)	Nurse Betty (2000)	Nurse Betty (2000)
USA	JAG "Scimitar"	Medical Investigation "The Unclean"	100 Greatest Red Carpet Moments	100 Greatest Red Carpet Moments	★ ★ "Blue Crush" (2002) Kate Bosworth	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	★ ★ "Blue Crush" (2002) Kate Bosworth	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.	A young woman prepares for a big surfing contest.
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ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)	Figure Skating World Championships - Pairs and Men's. From Moscow. (Taped)	Figure Skating World Championships - Pairs and Men's. From Moscow. (Taped)	Figure Skating World Championships - Pairs and Men's. From Moscow. (Taped)	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.	Brian Boitano's Holiday Skating Spectacular Las Vegas.
ESPN2	Tennis: Pacific Life Open	Boxing: 1974 Ali vs. Foreman	Boxing: 1975 Muhammad Ali vs. Ron Lyle (N)	Boxing	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.	Tennis: Pacific Life Open - Women's Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.
CSN	The Sports List	SportsNite	March Madness: Road to No. 1	March Madness: Road to No. 1	Boxing Best Damn Boxing Championship Period.	Boxing Best Damn Boxing Championship Period.	Boxing Best Damn Boxing Championship Period.	Boxing Best Damn Boxing Championship Period.	SportsNite (Live)	Boxing: Best Damn Champ.	Boxing: Best Damn Champ.	Boxing: Best Damn Champ.
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight
FNC	Special Report (Live)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Hannity & Colmes (Live)	Hannity & Colmes (Live)	On the Record-Van Susteren	On the Record-Van Susteren	On the Record-Van Susteren	On the Record-Van Susteren	Scarborough Country	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball
MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MSNBC Inv: To Catch a Killer	MSNBC Inv: To Catch a Killer	MSNBC Inv: To Catch a Killer	MSNBC Inv: To Catch a Killer	Scarborough Country	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball
AMC	★ ★ "Hard Times" (1975, Drama)	Charles Bronson, James Coburn. 'PG'	★ "Death Wish II" (1982, Drama)	Charles Bronson, Jill Ireland. 'R'	★ "Death Wish 3" (1985, Drama)	Charles Bronson, Deborah Raffin. 'R'	★ "Death Wish 3" (1985, Drama)	Charles Bronson, Deborah Raffin. 'R'	★ "Death Wish 3" (1985, Drama)	Charles Bronson, Deborah Raffin. 'R'	★ "Death Wish 3" (1985, Drama)	Charles Bronson, Deborah Raffin. 'R'
TCM	★ ★ "My Wild Irish Rose" (1947, Musical)	Dennis Morgan. 'NR'	★ ★ ★ "The Desperadoes" (1943)	Glenn Ford. 'NR'	★ ★ ★ "Charley Varrick" (1973, Drama)	Walter Matthau, Joe Don Baker. 'PG'	★ ★ ★ "Charley Varrick" (1973, Drama)	Walter Matthau, Joe Don Baker. 'PG'	★ ★ ★ "Charley Varrick" (1973, Drama)	Walter Matthau, Joe Don Baker. 'PG'	★ ★ ★ "Charley Varrick" (1973, Drama)	Walter Matthau, Joe Don Baker. 'PG'
HBO	(5:30) Real Sports	★ "Biker Boys" (2003, Action)	Laurence Fishburne. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Man on Fire" (2004, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. 'R'	★ ★ "Man on Fire" (2004, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. 'R'	★ ★ "Man on Fire" (2004, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. 'R'	★ ★ "Man on Fire" (2004, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. 'R'	★ ★ "Man on Fire" (2004, Crime Drama)
MAX	(5:30) ★ ★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003)	Patrick Stewart. 'PG-13'	(15) ★ ★ "Trippin'" (1999, Comedy)	Deon Richmond. 'R'	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX	★ ★ "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX
SHOW	(5:45) ★ ★ ★ "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (1988)	Steve Martin. iTV. 'PG'	★ ★ "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003, Horror)	Ray Wise. 'R'	★ ★ "Kalifornia" (1988, Drama)	Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis. iTV. 'R'	★ ★ "Kalifornia" (1988, Drama)	Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis. iTV. 'R'	★ ★ "Kalifornia" (1988, Drama)	Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis. iTV. 'R'	★ ★ "Kalifornia" (1988, Drama)	Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis. iTV. 'R'
TMC	(5:45) ★ ★ ★ "The Cotton Club" (1984, Drama)	Richard Gere. 'R'	★ "Hush" (1998)	Jessica Lange. 'PG-13'	(45) ★ ★ ★ "The Madness of King George" (1994)	Nigel Hawthorne. 'PG-13'	(45) ★ ★ ★ "The Madness of King George" (1994)	Nigel Hawthorne. 'PG-13'	(45) ★ ★ ★ "The Madness of King George" (1994)	Nigel Hawthorne. 'PG-13'	(45) ★ ★ ★ "The Madness of King George" (1994)	Nigel Hawthorne. 'PG-13'
STARZ!	(5:00) ★ ★ ★ "The Living Daylights" (1987)	'PG'	(20) ★ ★ "Kaena: The Prophecy" (2003)	'PG-13'	★ ★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004)	Anne Hathaway. 'PG'	(45) ★ ★ "XX/XY" (2002, Drama)	Mark Ruffalo. 'R'	(45) ★ ★ "XX/XY" (2002, Drama)	Mark Ruffalo. 'R'	(45) ★ ★ "XX/XY" (2002, Drama)	Mark Ruffalo. 'R'
ENCORE	(15) ★ ★ ★ "The Nutty Professor" (1996)	Eddie Murphy. 'PG-13'	★ "Friday After Next" (2002)	Ice Cube. 'R'	★ ★ ★ "Heat" (1995)	Al Pacino. A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary. 'R'	★ ★ ★ "Heat" (1995)	Al Pacino. A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary. 'R'	★ ★ ★ "Heat" (1995)	Al Pacino. A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary. 'R'	★ ★ ★ "Heat" (1995)	Al Pacino. A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary. 'R'



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## Business

### A small Texas town is chosen as a future gateway into space

Even skeptical locals, who've become wary over the years of city slickers with big ideas for their town, perked up when Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos made his pitch — a spaceport for commercial travel into the beyond.

Bezos flew into the West Texas town of Van Horn a few weeks ago to tell key leaders how he planned to use his newly acquired 165,000 acres of desolate ranch land.

He also gave his only interview so far on the spaceport to the Van Horn Advocate, the weekly newspaper Larry Simpson runs from the back of his Radio Shack store.

Over the next 30 to 40 minutes, Simpson said Bezos told him the goal of his venture — known as Blue Origin — was to send a spaceship into orbit that launches and lands vertically, like a rocket.

"He told me their first spacecraft is going to carry three people up to the edge of space and back," Simpson said. "But ultimately, his thing is space colonization."

Bezos said Blue Origin would first build basic structures at the Texas site, such as an engine test stand, fuel and water tanks and an office building, then begin flight tests in six to seven years, Simpson said.



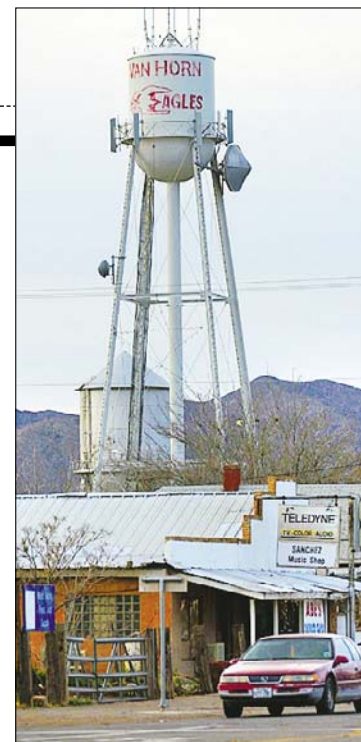
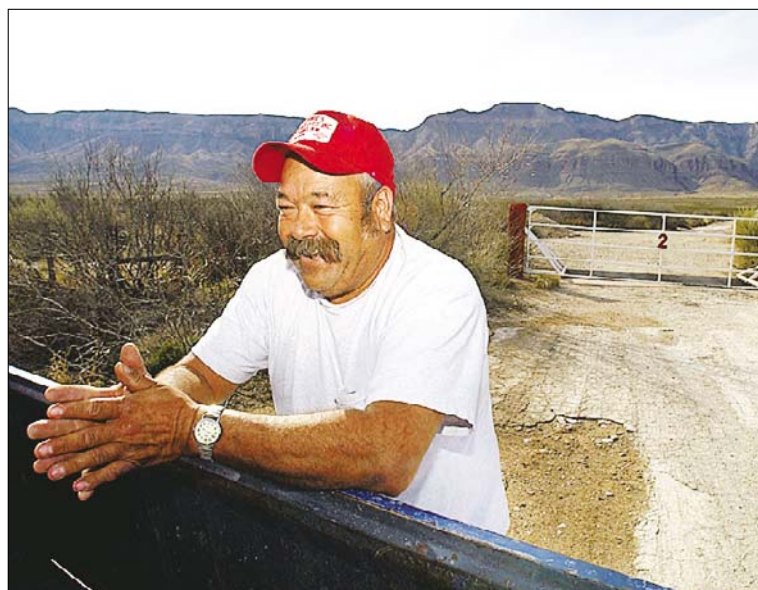
Jeff Bezos

Bezos has said nothing else publicly about his project.

A Houston-based spokesman for Blue Origin, which was incorporated in September 2000 in Washington state, said there was "not much to see or tell" and that the project "won't go anywhere any time soon."

Space colonization is a pretty big deal for the 3,000 or so residents of Van Horn, many of whom believe the biggest thing to happen in recent years was construction of a new truck stop on

**NEED SPACE?** Marble miner Manuel Baeaza, below, looks forward to "El Estacion"; Van Horn's downtown, right, isn't exactly high-tech.



# Stars <sup>in Their</sup> Eyes

"He told me their first spacecraft is going to carry three people up to the edge of space and back."

LARRY SIMPSON, PUBLISHER OF THE VAN HORN ADVOCATE

Interstate 10.

While Bezos' spaceship plans were a surprise, his presence in Van Horn wasn't. His private jet had been seen a number of times in the past year at the local airstrip as he scouted the area and purchased three ranches.

On Bezos' new property, the only noticeable change, residents say, are the new "No Trespassing" signs posted every mile or so on the rusty barbed wire cattle fences bordering Texas Highway 54.

For Spanish-speaking residents like Manuel Baeaza, 47, who works

at a marble mine in the mountains that adjoin Bezos' property, the project known as "El Estacion" or "the station," brings promise. "More jobs, it would be a blessing," said Baeaza, who's lived in the area for 14 years.

MICHAEL GRACZYK (AP)



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## Peterson Case

## Death Sentence

Criminal defense lawyer **JERALYN MERRITT** was online Wednesday and discussed the sentencing of Scott Peterson | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

### How many years will it be before Scott Peterson is executed?

It will be a very long time before Peterson is executed. He may wait up to five years to be appointed a lawyer to file his first appeal to the California Supreme Court. This appeal is mandatory. A big reason for the delay is that there are too few lawyers willing to volunteer for the relatively low-paying job of representing death row inmates, and there are a lot of inmates.

### Is it true that once Peterson is on death row he cannot see or even talk to anyone on the outside except his lawyer?

This may be true during his initial period at San Quentin while he is being evaluated, but I don't believe that will be true permanently. Certainly, his contacts will be severely limited. His parents eventually should be allowed to have periodic visits or telephone contact with him.

### Will Peterson be given the option of any type of death or are there regulations? Could he, for instance,

### choose hanging or a firing squad?

No, he cannot choose how he dies. California, like most states, provides that execution will take place by lethal injection.

### Can Peterson be interviewed by Barbara Walters or Diane Sawyer or Katie Couric while he's in prison?

That will depend on the rules at San Quentin. Other death row inmates have been allowed such interviews. Larry King interviewed Karla Faye Tucker. Geraldo Rivera interviewed Gary Graham.

### Can the jurors accept money from people wanting to get their stories?

Yes. Ninety days after the verdict, jurors are free to accept gifts and money for information about the case.

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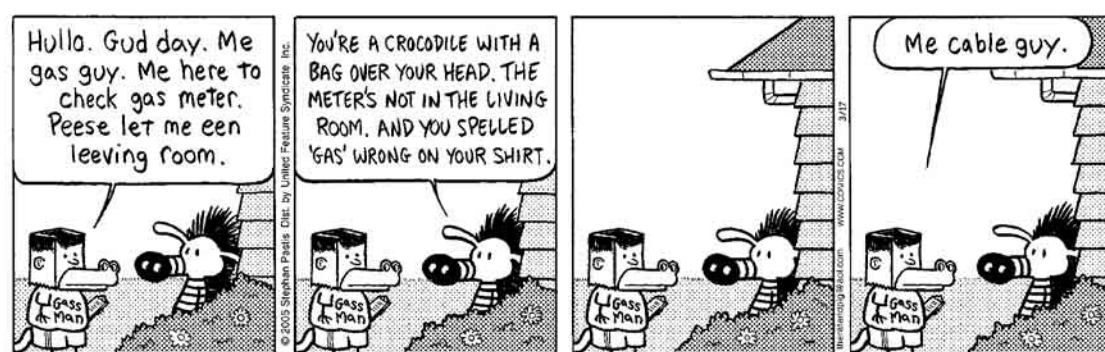
**NOON:** Washington Post Metro columnist Marc Fisher looks at the Nationals' TV contract controversy and other local topics.

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## Letters

### Double Standard on Change?

**IT'S INTERESTING** that the writer of Wednesday's letter ("Gay-Vows Case May Backfire") supports change in the rights of gays, but abhors anyone else's desire to change what

matters to them. Is it just me, or is the writer engaging in the same rhetoric he accuses "compassionate conservatives" of?

—ZAC CLAWSON  
Dumfries, Va.

### Animals Are More Than Food

**I WONDER IF** the writer of Tuesday's letter ("Rabbits Are Fair Game"),

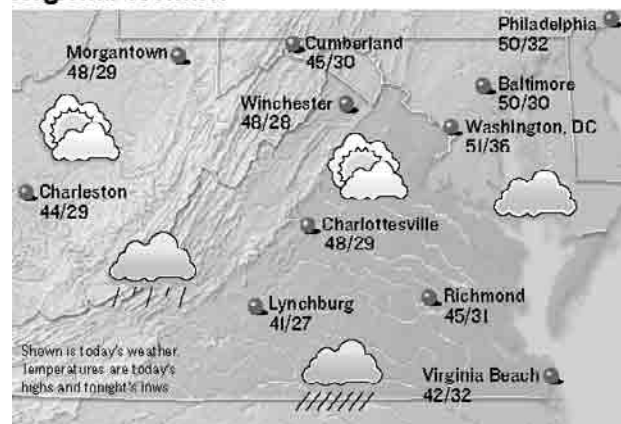
who sure is glad animals are "here to nourish" her, has ever considered the possibility that animals are not on this planet as food for humans. Vegetarian diets have been proven healthy, and a cruelty-free lifestyle contributes to a human's total well-being: mind, body and spirit.

—SALLY-ANNE MORINGELLO  
Rockville, Md.

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, rain possible	Partly sunny
51°	36°	52° / 36°	50° / 40°	50° / 42°	58° / 42°

## Regional Weather



## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

**Temperature**  
 High ..... 48°  
 Low ..... 36°  
 Normal high ..... 56°  
 Normal low ..... 37°  
 Average humidity ..... 38%

## Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. .... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.68"  
 Normal month to date ..... 1.88"  
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## Regional Forecast

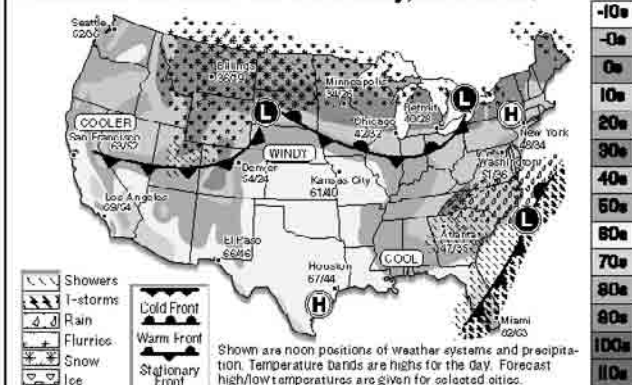
**D.C. Metro:** Today, becoming partly sunny. High 51. Wind variable 5-10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 36. Friday, partly sunny. High 52.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 6:16 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 6:17 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 10:26 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 1:27 a.m.



## National Weather for Thursday, March 17



## National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	47/35/r	58/40/pc
Boston	43/28/s	45/28/s
Chicago	42/32/c	50/34/pc
Dallas	64/46/s	69/50/pc
Denver	54/24/pc	48/25/pc
Honolulu	80/64/s	80/64/s
Los Angeles	69/54/pc	64/54/r
Miami	82/63/r	78/58/pc
New York City	48/34/e	48/34/e
Orlando	72/55/r	74/53/pc
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## People

### FADS

#### Babies Challenge Teacup Dogs for Cutest Accessory

**EDIE FALCO** has adopted a baby boy, her agent confirmed Wednesday. Falco, 41, took the infant home in December, within days

of his birth. She named him Anderson, her mother's maiden name, said Falco's agent, Richie Jackson.

The actress has won three Emmy Awards for her role as mob wife Carmela Soprano on HBO's "The Sopranos." Last year, Falco announced that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer, but was successfully treated. (AP)



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CNN viewers can gaze at this familiar shoulder for yet another four years.

### THE FUTURE

#### King's Preserved Brain Signed by CNN Until 2032

CNN will keep host **LARRY KING** until 2009 in a deal said to be worth nearly \$7 million per year, Variety reported. This squelches rumors that Nancy Grace, his occasional stand-in, is preparing to take his place on "Larry King Live," said the entertainment trade paper. "I've had a great relationship with CNN," said King. "I'm looking forward to many more years with the network." "Larry King" remains CNN's highest-rated primetime show. (EXPRESS)

### COUNTRY

#### It's a Whole New World

Videos by newcomers Big & Rich and **GRETCHEN WILSON** were among the leading nominees for the 2005 CMT Music Awards announced Wednesday. The video for Big & Rich's song "Holy Water" got two nominations, while "Save a Horse (Ride a Cowboy)" was nommed for breakthrough video. Wilson's "When I Think About Cheatin'" was nominated for female video, and her hit "Redneck Woman" got nods for breakthrough video and for video director. (AP)

### GUESTS

#### Gizoogle Made Danish National Search Engine

Organizers of Denmark's annual Roskilde Festival said Wednesday that **SNOOP DOGG** was set to play at the music show this year. The artist, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, last visited Denmark in 1998. Other artists scheduled to play during the June 30-July 3 festival include Black Sabbath, The Go! Team and Junior Senior. The event, which in recent years has been shown on MTV, attracts visitors from Europe and the United States. First held in 1971, the festival was inspired by the 1969 Woodstock Festival in upstate New York. Last year, 75,000 tickets were sold. (AP)



ADAM BUTLER/AP

Denmark has such a poor gross celebrity product (GCP) that it must import.



JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

### CULTURAL EXPORTS

## Yankee, Go Home

**PARIS HILTON** arrived in Mexico to promote her perfume, book and film projects, saying she also wants to shop and visit the pyramids. "I love Mexico," Hilton told reporters in Mexico City Tuesday. "The people are so nice." Hilton, who visited the Caribbean resort of Cancun last week, said her namesake fragrance "smells like flowers." (AP)

### BUSINESS

#### Multimedia Entity Russert Implements New Branding

**TIM RUSSERT**, who wrote fondly of his dad in the best-selling "Big Russ and Me," has another book planned about fathers and children.

According to Random House, his new project "will be a treasury of tales and observations about dads, drawn from interviews with notable Americans about their experiences as children [and parents], plus letters from sons and daughters that

Russert has received." The book is currently untitled and no publication date has been set. "People have approached me with so many wonderful stories about their fathers that I realized there is much more to cover," said Russert. (AP)

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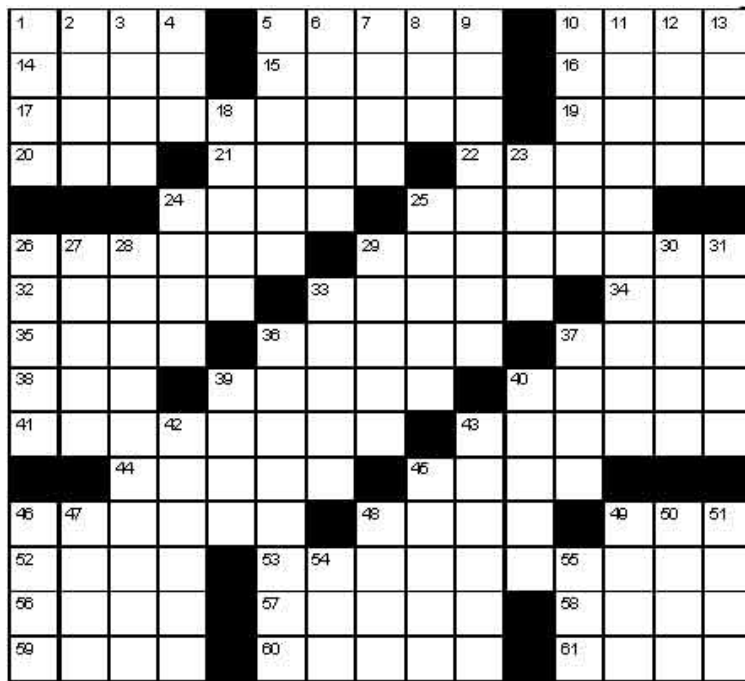
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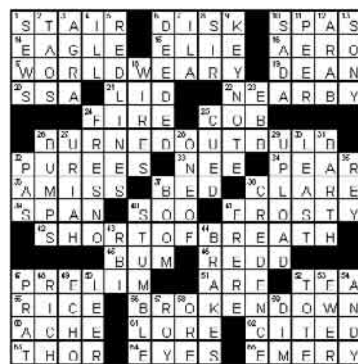
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### Yesterday's Solution



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You are putting too much emphasis on your popularity. Do what you can, follow your instincts and let the chips fall where they may.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your independent manner will win you both admiration and criticism. It is up to you which one carries the most weight.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A revelation may come your way that allows you to accept a new responsibility with greater

eagerness and a willingness to excel.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may be nervous about a promotion, or some other development at the workplace. Others have more faith in you than you may realize.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You can rise above your own fears and in the process foster trust and confidence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** This is a good day to trust a whim and indulge in something that may not, at any other time, be good for you. Support is forthcoming.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The more active you are socially, the more you can benefit professionally without being aggressive or heavy-handed about it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You may have

to put things in writing to be fully understood. Guard against being prodded or cajoled.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Try working with those who are usually working against you. In this way, you can turn rivals into supporters in no time at all.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Don't overreact to your own ups and downs which may come with unusual frequency. A healthy working attitude is essential.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You'll feel confident that you've paid your dues but there are one or two more duties you must tend to before nightfall.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You can win friends and influence people provided you keep your mind focused squarely on your primary objective.

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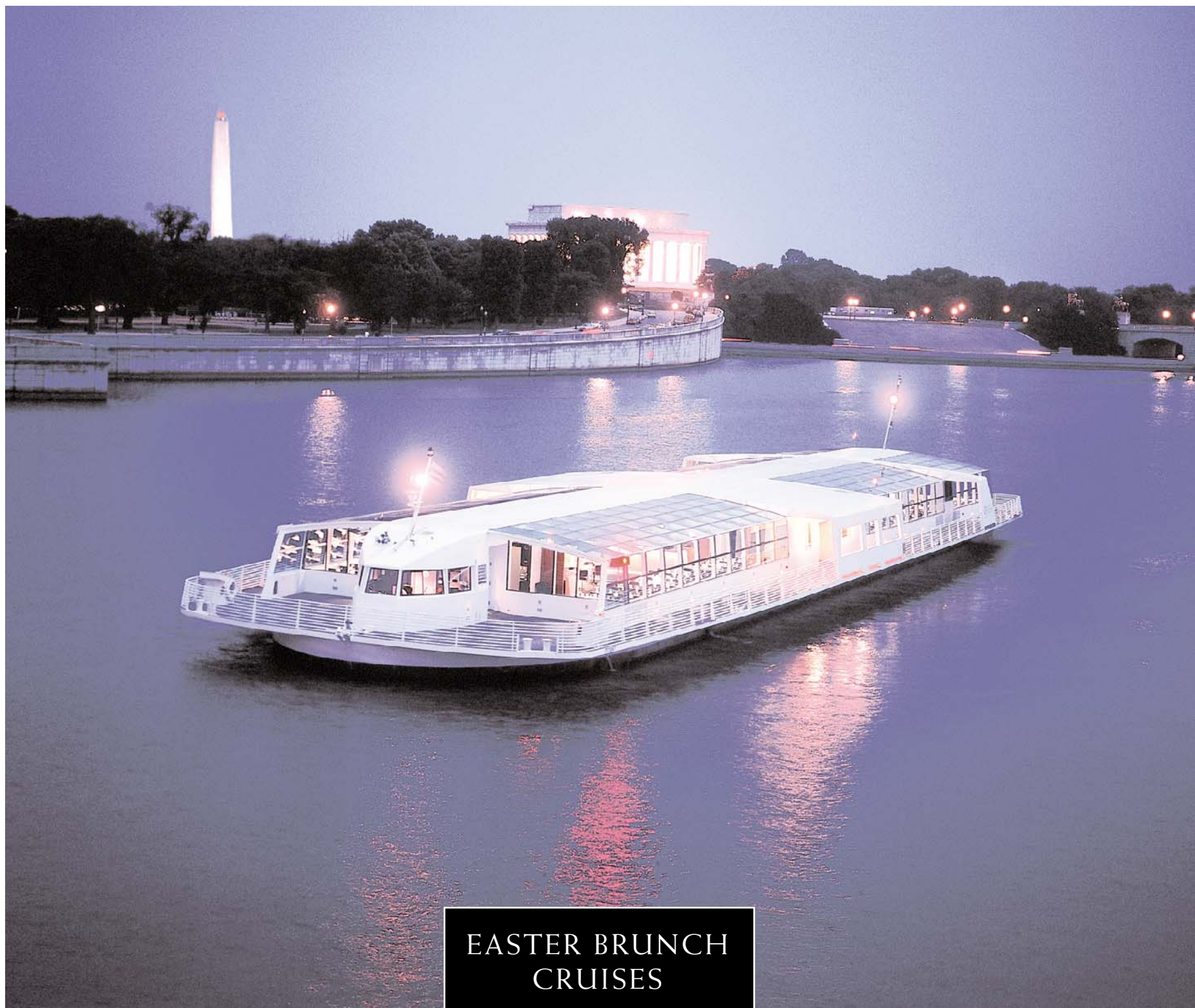
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# [on the]spot\*

**\*NAME:** Jeff Burhman **GIG:** Artistic Director, Gay Men's Chorus of Washington

**SINCE 1981** the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington has graced stages from the Kennedy Center to Carnegie Hall. This weekend the GMCW brings its latest production, "Men! Men? Men ...," to GWU's Lisner Auditorium. So dust off your bow ties — and don't forget your umbrellas, Artistic Director Jeff Burhman has assured us that it will be "Raining Men."

## What's the premise behind "Men! Men? Men...?"

This concert is a celebration of men. So often the icons of gay men are the divas, the Bette Midlers, the Barbra Streisands. Before we sing "The Man I Love," three members — they've been together 14, 17, 24 years — share stories of how they

met their partners. We share, before "You Can Never Shame Me," stories about our parents. It's not just about being gay, it's about being a positive person.

## Do you believe the chorus changes hearts and minds?

There's great power in music and in almost all of our shows, we manage to bring our stories. Chorus members have brought up the fact that they are gay through our music. There's huge power in what we do.

## Is it difficult to keep the direction conscious yet lighthearted?

There's room in our performances for a little of everything. We don't try to hit people hard — people learn more when the approach is gentle. And we have to understand, we're in a large city and while there are a couple hundred GLBT [gay, lesbian,



**SPARKLE PLENTY:** Matt Komornik, Barrett Whitener, Michael Hughes and Bill Cutler glam up for "Men! Men? Men ..."

**"We're in a large city ... there are still [gay] choruses in little cities where it's hard."**

bisexual and transgendered] choruses around the world, there are still choruses in little cities where it's hard.

## How do you get it all done?

Thousands and thousands and thousands of hours from volunteers — all the board members, our chorus president, vice president, section leaders, the people pouring soda at break, taping the floor, putting up posters. They do everything.

## Can anyone join the chorus?

We accept everyone but some people aren't accepted to sing with the chorus right away. We provide ... voice classes every Sunday night for free; then they re-audition. This year we've grown to about 225 members. Soon, we won't fit them all on the risers. **DARONA WILLIAMS**

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# Long Live the Queen

## Aretha Franklin joins other icons for a 'Sentimental Journey'

**MUSIC** | The posthumous triumph of Ray Charles, both on CD and at the movies, has been a feelgood story even a Green Day fan could appreciate. Like the late Genius, Aretha Franklin is a certified legend, a Kennedy Center honoree and a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer.

At 62, the Queen of Soul is alive and kicking — and giving a rare performance on Friday at the Kennedy Center's Sentimental Journey concert, part of this year's "The 1940s and the Arts" festival.

Almost 40 years after "Respect" made her a

star, Franklin continues to do an impressive job of keeping up with the times. Her most recent album, 2003's "So Damn Happy," featured collaborations with her spiritual heir Mary J. Blige and spawned the club hit "The Only

**ODE TO JOY:** Franklin finds shades of spirit in gospel.

Thing Missin'." But she'll be keeping it old-school at Sentimental Journey, which promises a program of Tin Pan Alley classics, gospel and country.

Gospel is Franklin's territory, of course:

Her 1972 album "Amazing Grace" is one of the genre's definitive statements. The rest of the lineup isn't too shabby, either. Enduring pop crooner Johnny Mathis is the Tin Pan Alley specialist, and country maverick Dwight Yoakam is aboard to play up his traditional roots.

"Cabaret" star Joel Grey will hold it all together, reprising his signature role as the impish emcee. The Genius may be gone, but the Queen lives on — along with the timeless American music they both signify.

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**LES BOHÈMES:** Creator Jonathan Larson added drag queens and junkies to Puccini's story about life among starving artists.

# Opera in the Real World

**Bohemians live,  
love and suffer in a  
national tour of 'Rent'**

**STAGE |** When "Rent" made its 1996 debut, it was hailed by critics and fans alike as the Next Big Thing in theater. It was a groundbreaking modern achievement made all the more poignant by the death of creator Jonathan Larson the night before its first preview.

Almost a decade later, the musical, returning this weekend only to the Warner Theatre, is fulfilling its promise.

The show, which began off-Broadway and moved on up to the Great White Way, won multiple Tonys and a posthumous Pulitzer for Larson. It also spawned an international tour and an upcoming 2005 movie.

The story is an update of Puccini's "La Bohème." Larson

turned late-19th-century Paris into 1990s New York City, introducing modern struggles such as AIDS, drugs and making the titular payment. And Puccini's opera certainly didn't contain drag queens or S&M dancers.

Despite its stark subject matter, the musical expresses the theme of hope in a world of despair. The rock numbers imbue the show with energy, and the story is told nearly entirely in music.

It's too early to tell whether "Rent" will be this generation's defining theatrical achievement, but it's hard to find a modern musical that's had as great an impact in telling a contemporary story.

ERIN O'CONNOR

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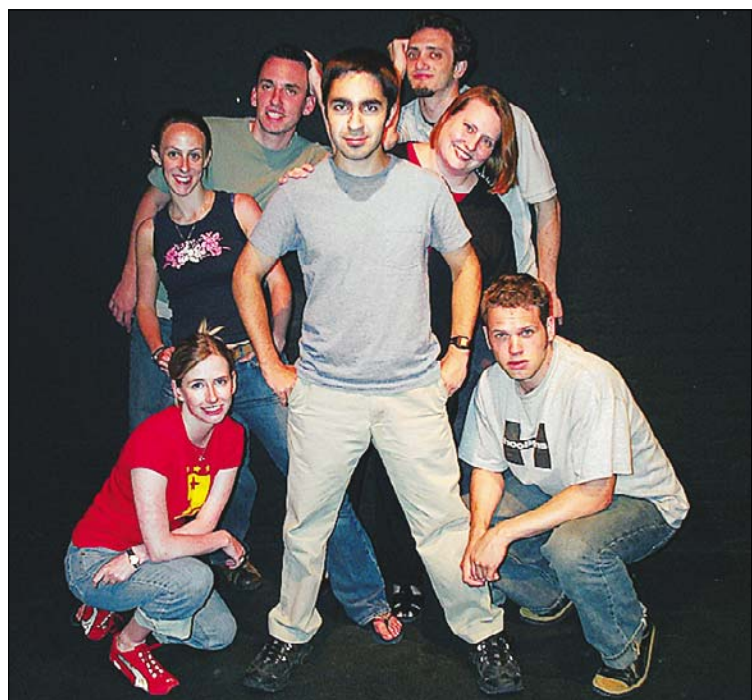
**WHY:** "Fancy" isn't just a bizarre way to describe canned peas. It may have



"Liberty and Washington" commune in a folk painting from around 1805-15.

been the first purely American decorative movement, a style so colorful, optimistic and energetic that only those sourpuss Victorians could finally quash it by bringing in troops of hideous overstuffed horsehair settees and dust-attracting knickknacks. The Maryland Historical Society brings together furniture, decorative objects and paintings that exemplify the dazzling panache of the Fancy aesthetic in an unusual, entertaining and often laugh-out-loud tribute to America in a celebratory mood.





**MAKE ME LAUGH:** The Washington Improv Troupe is like a comedy shock troop.

# What's so Funny?

## D.C. puts on a red rubber nose for the annual Comedy Fest

**OUT & ABOUT** | Annual comedy festivals dot the national landscape, but the District has for years had to do without, a victim of its button-down image.

Enter District resident Blaire Postman, who summoned her booking-agent skills and organized the first annual DC Comedy Fest, running through Saturday at various local venues.

"I've been to and part of comedy festivals and events in other cities," Postman told Express. "And I hated the idea that they had that D.C. was made up of the legions of the humorless."

The festival takes aim at the city's alleged lack of a funny bone with oodles of homegrown and nationally

recognized sketch, improvisational and stand-up performers. While the expansive lineup is far from a who's who of "Tonight Show" vets, the festival is a rare opportunity to check out farcical future stars with Hollywood aspirations.

The Oops Guys are among the event's most outlandish side-splitters, here to perform their show "Lounge-Zilla." Orlando-based musician/writer Dennis Giacino and campy crooner Fiely Matias are the brains and voice behind the snarky mock-cabaret act. With song topics covering jumbo genitalia and stalking, not much is off-limits when this duo hits the stage. As Matias put it, "We want to discuss things people don't really discuss."

Matias promises his 30-minute vocal romp will be a festival must-see, filled with hilariously blue tunes he calls "crude, rude and crazy."



**NOT YOUR AUNTIE MAME'S CABARET:** Oops Guy Fiely Matias puts on a half-hour musical romp filled with double-entendres and, he promises, 3-D glasses.

Also garnering gig time are several off-the-cuff jokesters, including hometown favorites Comedy Sportz, who deliver breakneck laughs, and on-the-spot musical composers Well Sung Players. Neutrino Video Project All-Stars, remarkably, create an improvised film before the audience's very eyes.

And be sure to check out acts like Chicago's The Mike and Duane Show. They've been appropriately likened to the Jack Black vehicle Tenacious D and boast what's got to be the globe's sole rock opera based on '80s flick "The Karate Kid."

The festival also features

workshops to give amateur comics a chance to learn from the pros. There's a class for every skill level, but comic newbies should opt for "Foundations" with Topher Bellavia, which offers an introduction to the art of improv.

The festival's featured acts may not have found fame and fortune yet, but Postman said many of these comics are on their way up. "[They] probably are people you'll see on your television or movie screen one day soon," she said. CRAIG SMITH

Thu.-Sat., March 17-19; fees and venues vary; for schedule and tickets see [www.dccomedyfest.com](http://www.dccomedyfest.com).

## Top Stops

FOR COMPLETE EVENT LISTINGS SEE [WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT](http://WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT)

### Tori Kan Read: Amos Book Signing

Singer-songwriter-freaky chick and now author Tori Amos is here without her trusty piano. She's discussing her book, "Tori Amos: Piece by Piece," a heartfelt and gut-spilling personal memoir.

Barnes & Noble, 3040 M St. NW; Thu., March 17, 6 p.m., free; 202-965-9880.



Musician Amos stands tall but reveals all in a memoir of public and private life.

### 'Sunshine' Day: Mellow Fellow

Jonathan Edwards wants to show folks a good time. The "honky-tonk stardust cowboy" has been playing and singing intimate, empathetic folk-flavored pop since the 1960s and understands that his Vietnam war-era hit, "Sunshine," was then and remains something the world needs to hear every so often.

Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; Thu., March 17, 8 p.m., \$20; 703-218-6500.

### Tricky Business: Acrobats of Taiwan

There's plate-spinning, then there's dozens of plates a-spin at once; there's chair stacking, and then there's a skyscraper of seats whose peak soars into the rafters. There are acrobats, and there's the National Acrobats of Taiwan and their juggling, magic, contortion, balance and martial arts amazements.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Sat., March 19, 4:30 p.m., \$25-\$55; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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# Hot-Burning Dragster

**RuPaul dresses for success, but better believe he works**

**OUT & ABOUT** | Living well may be the best revenge; we wouldn't know.

But living fabulously has got to be one of the better means of coping with growing up awkward, in the shadow of your parents' disastrous marriage, in a town that will not love you (that's you, San Diego).

RuPaul Andre Charles has naturally come out on top. And he's back. (For grammar mavens obsessed with pronoun usage vis-à-vis drag queens, RuPaul says, "I'm a dude. You call dudes 'he,' right?")

RuPaul is all about pushing buttons. Before embarking on the high-fashion phase that would cement his fame in the early '90s, he experimented with any number of outré looks: a blackface "native" straight out of one of those cartoons they can't show anymore, platinum tresses and a stars-'n'-bars mini in a love-you/hate-you nod to the Hotlanta that embraced him, and at least two kinds of blue-hair-and-halter-dress combos. And that was just 1989.

"I fell into drag just because it was something I was told not



**THE BOY NEXT DOOR:** RuPaul has settled into being the all-American drag act, a gorgeous, dressed-up man with an attitude that even a soccer mom could love.

to do. The last taboo in our culture is for boys to play with girls' stuff," he explained. "I wanted to play with the toys I was told not to play with."

With the modeling and the talk shows and the movies and the fashion dolls and the blogging, it's easy to forget that Ru also made his mark in music. He remade "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" with Elton John and scored a club hit with "Supermodel (You Better Work)."

Saturday he's in town at Lulu's, working his fourth album. "RuPaul Red Hot" blends dancefloor bump and emotional uplift. The single "Looking Good, Feeling Gorgeous" has already encouraged weight-loss wannabes as the theme to the reality show "The Biggest Loser."

The idea behind "Red Hot" was to present the true Ru, a portrait of his own musical passions. "The only thing that's not on here that I love to listen to is country," he said.

Introduced to country by his sister's Dolly Parton 8-track, RuPaul turned into a huge Tanya Tucker fan. Sounds like someone down at Lulu's needs to start a "Delta Dawn" sing-along. **GLENN DIXON**

*Lulu's Club Mardi Gras, 22nd and M Streets NW; Sat., March 19, 8 p.m., \$40; 301-645-5400. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

## TopStops

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Frog Holler is a rootsy neo-bluegrass outfit from small-town Pennsylvania.

### Croak and Dagger: Frog Holler

Neo-hillbillies with a twist, Frog Holler plays mountain blues and country as accessible and modern as the most hummable pop.

*Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with Crenshaw, Sat., March 19, 9:30 p.m.; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)*

### Local History: 'The Pearl' Reading

Washington history steps into the limelight in Josephine Pacheco's book "The Pearl," about 76 D.C. slaves who tried to sail to freedom.

*Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., March 19, 1 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)*

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**Hometown Song:**

Profiles of some of D.C.'s most prominent musical luminaries. | *Cover*

→ Also, eats and drinks on 8th St. NW; Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers; reviews of new movies.

# Electronica Company

## A couple of techno outfits put warm funk into a chilly genre

**MUSIC** | Can't wait for the 20th annual Winter Music Conference, the massive six-day party (March 22-26) in Miami, where all the hippest DJs and electronica producers will convene?

Then pick out your Afro and polish your platform shoes for the sweaty sounds of Tortured Soul and Los Amigos Invisibles, this Friday at the Black Cat.

Although both bands are unjustly linked too closely to that amorphous genre, electronica, they're bona fide sensations in DJ culture scene for their abilities to infuse genuine musicality to the rigors of house music.

Led by singing drummer John-Christian Urich, Tortured Soul set



**YOU CAN'T SEE US:** Los Amigos Invisibles — and who doesn't need some of those? — is a Venezuelan dance band with an irresistible repertoire of rhythms.

the dance scene ablaze several years ago with its now-classic 2001 single, "Might Do Something Wrong." Distinguished by a contagious sing-

songy melody, creamy keyboards, a throbbing bass line and rock-steady beat, the single stayed on heavy rotation for months, while the band's

2004 debut LP, "Introducing," proved that it was more than a one-hit wonder with other delectable singles, such as "Fall in Love" and "How's Your Life."

Joining Tortured Soul is Los Amigos Invisibles, a renegade Latin group out of Venezuela, that has been doing the live dance band-thing much longer, having released its itchy debut, "A Typical Autoctonal Venezuelan Dance Band" in 1995 with three more persuasive discs succeeding, including last year's salacious, "Zinga Son."

With their frothy energy, Los Amigos Invisibles fashion out horny, polyester soul-disco that recalls Foxy — the kind that makes you perspire as if you were in South Beach. **JOHN MURPHY**

*Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW, Fri., March 18, 9:30 p.m., \$15; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)*

## ROAD TRIP | IT IS TO WEEP



**NO REGETS:** A song can't get sadder than one sung by George Jones, country music icon and owner of the most expressive pipes in American music. Bring a hankie. Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md.; Thu., March 17, 7:30 p.m., \$42.75; 800-551-7328.

# Drums Along The Potomac

## The Kodo Drummers turn percussion into a very loud art form

**MUSIC** | Half-naked, well-muscled men in loincloths pounding giant drums? No, this is not some men's-movement sweat lodge or a racy nightclub party. This spectacle is courtesy of the Kodo Drummers of Japan, who rock Constitution Hall on Friday.

And that sternum-rattling, floor-shaking shockwave comes from Japanese taiko drums. The instruments range in girth from snare-sized shime-daiko to the massive odaiko, made from the trunk of the giant African Bubinga tree and weighing in at 882 lbs.

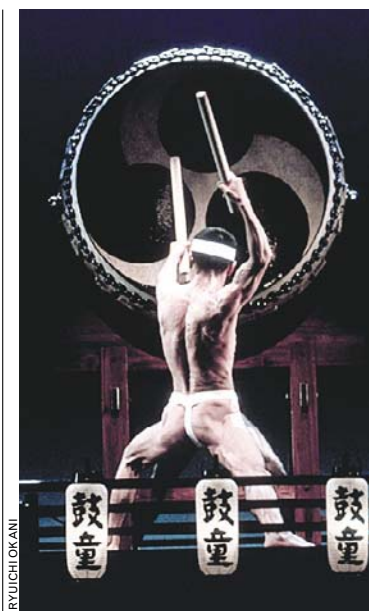
Members of the Kodo drum troupe, calling on centuries of traditional technique, manage to make

their instruments sound like rain, wind or an earthquake at will. The percussion is supplemented by traditional dance and vocals, plus instruments like the fue (a Japanese flute) and shamisen (a stringed instrument that loosely resembles a banjo).

This is no dead art form. Taiko drumming originated in Japanese folk tradition, and is said to have been used to rattle enemies on the battlefield and drive away demons in religious rites.

But modern taiko involves rigorous communal life in Kodo's village on Sado Island. A two-year apprenticeship is followed by a yearlong training period, after which a prospective member may be invited to join the group.

While some pieces are based on traditional rhythms, the company also commissions pieces by modern composers as well as its own



A member of the Kodo troupe in full cry faces down the massive odaiko drum.

members.

Admission to the event gets you into the Eyebarr after-party as part of Washington Performing Arts Society's "Culture Vultures" series. Bring your own loincloth.

**BOB MASSEY**

*Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; Fri., March 18, 8 p.m., \$44; 800-551-7328; Eyebarr, 1716 I St. NW; 202-785-0270. (Farragut West)*





## How Do I Look?

**WHAT:** Fashions of the 1940s From the Museum at FIT

**WHERE:** Kennedy Center, Terrace Gallery, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600

**WHEN:** Opens Fri., March 18, runs through April 15

**WHY:** From post-war glamour to the New Look to Hollywood's influence, more than 30 gorgeous looks and accessories are on display in this tip of the cartwheel hat to 1940s designers including Claire McCardell and Adrian.



# The Rough Rider

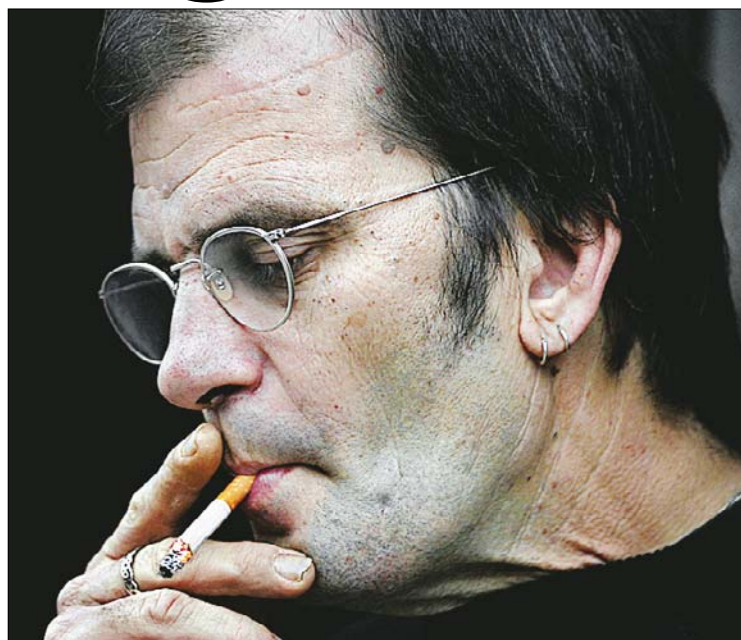
Steve Earle came by everything, including his rep, the hard way

**MUSIC** | There are bad boys.

And then there are boys who are stone in love with the idea of being bad. So in love that they're drunk on it, nearly all the time.

That's Steve Earle. The "hard-core troubadour" could've taken the easy route to respectability. Nashville practically paved it for him, plenty of times. But Earle craved a rockier path: part Buddy Holly, part Springsteen, part dime bag. Not for nothing did he call the album that nearly killed him "The Hard Way."

Since bottoming out in the early '90s, Earle has cleaned up his act — which he brings to the 9:30



MICHAEL WILLIAMS/ONYX

**TOBACCO ROAD:** Whether copping to a crush on Condi, imagining the inner life of an American traitor or singing about his own tough times, Earle remains fearless.

Club on Saturday night — but not too much.

He still loves to pick a fight. Three years ago, he raised hackles for daring to imagine "American Taliban" John Walker Lindh as a person rather than a monster. Last summer's "The Revolution Starts ... Now" flipped off the FCC, confessed to a crush on Condi Rice and pegged Iraq as a "Rich Man's War."

He has questionable moments, sure. In recent years, he's started singing way up in his nose, just to let you know how hard he means it; and sometimes you'd think he wouldn't know how to eat breakfast if Dylan hadn't done it first.

He's changed a lot over the years — done every kind of roots music from country to rock to bluegrass to reggae — but one thing he's always known. As he sang on his 1986 debut, he's got a fearless heart.

We could use a few more of those.

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**FUNNY, YOU DON'T LOOK WASHED-UP:** Timmy Ray James as the rediscovered artist and Sarah Douglas as his muse in a meditation on art, fame and integrity.

# Everything Old Is New

**In 'Ten Unknowns,' an artist confronts fame after his prime**

**STAGE |** What happens to an artist when society suddenly decides he's trendy again?

Signature Theatre's latest offering, Jon Robin Baitz's "Ten Unknowns," seeks to answer this question, exploring the implications of fame and integrity in the art world.

Master of realism Malcolm Raphaelson (Timmy Ray James), chased off the fickle 1940s art scene by the likes of abstract expressionists Jackson Pollock and Pablo Picasso, is "rediscovered" 30 years later. A New York art dealer persuades him to leave his exile in Mexico and capitalize on his resur-

gence with a solo exhibition.

Raphaelson finds a young assistant and a new muse, and his artistic spirit is reborn. Naturally, chaos ensues.

Artists can be a colorful lot, the beauty of their works often fueled by drugs, madness or sexual appetite — and often all three. Putting them on a stage evokes the potential for melodrama often reserved for soap operas and reality TV, according to director Rick DesRochers.

The comparison to trashy TV doesn't mean the play will lack contemplative meditations on the nature of art and the artistic temperament.

It just means the show shouldn't be boring. **ERIN O'CONNOR**

*Signature Theatre, 3806 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; through April 24; \$25-\$39; 703-218-6500.*

## TopStops

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### Flexible Reed: David Sanborn

Alto saxophonist David Sanborn segues from risky experimental bop to light-the-candles smooth



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jazz with the agility of a master. His versatility and drive transcend the requirements of radio playlists.

*Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; Sat., March 19, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m., sold out; 410-268-4545.*

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Saxophonist Sanborn swings from tricky bop to pleasant smooth jazz.



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# WeekendPass | Entertainment

## TopStops

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### Sound of Silence: Mark Jaster

Artistic, playful, musical mime Mark Jaster performs his show, "The Maestro" as part of "Music in Our Schools Month." He's a clown of the European school, and a delight to audiences young and old.

S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100



Characters like the Maestro are conveyed through gesture and expression.

Jefferson Drive SW; Fri., March 18, 10 & 11:30 a.m., \$5, \$4 ages 4-9; 202-357-1500. (Smithsonian)

### Private Music: Susan Werner

While other artists do covers, Susan Werner writes and sings her own Great American Songbook — bluesy, boppy tunes that deserve long lives as pop standards.

Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; Fri., March 18, 8 p.m., \$18; 703-218-6500.



HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS: Dana Schutz's "Twin Parts," part of 2005's Biennial.

## Corcoran Focuses On Home

MUSEUMS | It doesn't get the play or the press of that more famous biennial up in New York. But where the Whitney is overwhelming and interesting, D.C.'s own Corcoran Biennial is precise and life-changing.

This year, curator of contemporary art Jonathan P. Binstock and associate curator Stacey Schmidt explode the boundaries of possibility by doing away with the defining concept of media and bringing the exhibition, in the words of this year's theme, "Closer to Home."

That's why you'll see Corcoran School professor Colby Caldwell's poignant, enigmatic photos and manipulated videos and the inti-

mate, interactive interiors of New York multimedia artist Austin Thomas in this exhibition that begins Saturday at the city's most hallowed non-Smithsonian institution.

The idea of locality is central to this year's show, as is localness itself (many D.C. artists are included) and a concentration on home, family, warmth and safe spaces.

From painter George Condo's fantastical portraits to the homespun creations of San Franciscan Katharine Spence, the works on display in this biennial speak to domesticity in all its meanings, promises and threats.

For more than 90 years the Corcoran Biennial has sought to catapult the country's emerging trends into the larger sphere of aesthetic influence, and you don't need a train ticket to take this particular wild ride. ARION BERGER

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# Buddy Cops & Butt Glue

## For Sandra Bullock, 'Miss Congeniality II' is a girlfriend movie

**SEQUELS** | Sandra Bullock is keenly aware of the pitfalls of sequels. Remember "Speed 2"? So it was with some hesitation that she decided to revisit Gracie Hart, the undercover FBI agent-turned-beauty pageant contestant in "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous."

But the native Virginian felt it was the right thing to do — and the right time to do it. For one thing, it was a way to get back into acting after a self-imposed 18-month

sabbatical: "I didn't know what was going on in my life anymore or what time I liked to get up in the morning," she recalled.

The idea in the sequel, Bullock said, was to have the story move forward — it's set three weeks after the end of the first film — yet remain true to the spirit of the original.

Bullock was happy to reprise the lovable yet graceless undercover agent in the sequel as Gracie contends with issues of fame and identity. In trying to catch a gang of bank robbers, Gracie's cover is blown by an overzealous customer who recognizes her from the pageant. Her superiors realize their star agent is



**AGENT WITH FRINGE BENEFITS:** Even in a showgirl outfit and pink feathers, FBI Agent Gracie Hart is ready to take down the bad guys in "Miss Congeniality II."

too identifiable and they reassign her to public relations duties, equipping her with a personal stylist and sending her out on the road as the public face of the FBI.

The awkward tomboy becomes a diva, much to the annoyance of Sam (Regina King), the agent assigned to guard her. When two friends from the pageant are taken hostage in Las Vegas, Gracie and Sam come to realize that they can break the kidnapping case — if they don't kill each other first.

Bullock liked that it was a female buddy-comedy rather than a romantic comedy. "I also loved the idea of having an equal partner and the equal partner being female," she added.

Coming up, Bullock is slated to reunite with her "Speed" co-star Keanu Reeves in a romantic comedy tentatively titled "Il Mare." She jokes that they're only doing the picture because Reeves wants to make out with her. "It's been too long for him," she said. "He needs it. He needs me." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

## Indies & Arties

### → National Film Registry

On Thursday, two early Michael Curtiz films, "The Woman From Monte Carlo" (1931) and the political satire "The Congress Dances," from 1932. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Then on Friday at 7 p.m., it's the blackest of black comedies, "Pretty Poison," starring Tony Perkins and an icily beautiful Tuesday Weld. Library of Congress, Mary Pickford Theater, 101 Independence Ave. SE; 202-707-5677.

### → All the Rage: The Films of Martin Scorsese

This weekend, the ultra-violent crowd-pleaser "Goodfellas" shows on Thursday (8:20 p.m.) and Sunday (9:10 p.m.). AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6700.

### → Days of Future Passed: The Films of Wong Kar-Wai

On Friday and Saturday, it's "Days of Being Wild" (5:15 & 7:20, respectively), "Chungking Express" (7:10 & 3 p.m.) and "Fallen Angels" (9:15 & 5:05). Sunday both films screen again, along with "Ashes of Time." AFI Silver, 8633



Al Pacino stars as a New York City cop battling corruption in "Serpico."

Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6700.

### → The Films of Sydney Lumet

On the heels of his honorary Academy Award, tough-guy director Lumet gets a retrospective, including the tense 1973 cop drama "Serpico." It's on Sunday at 12:45 p.m. AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6700.

### → D.C. Environmental Film Festival

This showcase for films about the natural world continues through March 20. Call 202-342-2564 or see [www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org](http://www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org).

## Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

### 1 Robots

It has great production design, but the characters in this story of a people's revolt in a world of machines have the personalities of toasters.

(STEPHEN HUNTER)

### 2 The Pacifier

There's nothing endearing about a wooden Vin Diesel dealing with baby vomit and petulant teens as a Navy SEAL hired to protect a family.

(DESSON THOMSON)

### 3 Be Cool

John Travolta fails to re-evolve the "Get Shorty" spirit here; everything enjoyable and edgy about the previous film is here an overwrought mess.

(DESSON THOMSON)

### 4 Hostage

By the time Bruce Willis's character saves the day, it's filmgoers who will feel like prisoners, as a taut nail-biter devolves into a silly climax.

(ANN HORNBADY)

### 5 Hitch

Will Smith has enough smarts to laugh at himself playing a successful "date doctor." The film works best with Smith and Kevin James having a blast.

(SEAN DALY)

### 6 Million Dollar Baby

The film's heart lies in the core relationships among the characters — so pure, so genuine, so authentic.

(ANN HORNBADY)

### 7 Diary of a Mad Black Woman

Three not-very-good movies in one, none wide enough to contain the scenery chewing.

(MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN)

### 8 Constantine

It has some great visual passages, and Keanu Reeves is endearing for his off-handedness, but the screenplay is uninvolved.

(DESSON THOMSON)

### 9 Man of the House

Tommy Lee Jones has perfect comic timing as a Texas Ranger who has to protect cheerleaders, but the movie's many personalities grow tiresome.

(STEPHEN HUNTER)

### 10 Cursed

Psychiatric patient Jack Starks is stuck in a temporal netherworld; it all would be fascinating if the plot wasn't so derivative.

(DESSON THOMSON)



**BORED ALREADY?** Bruce Willis, real-life daughter Rumer and puppy in "Hostage."



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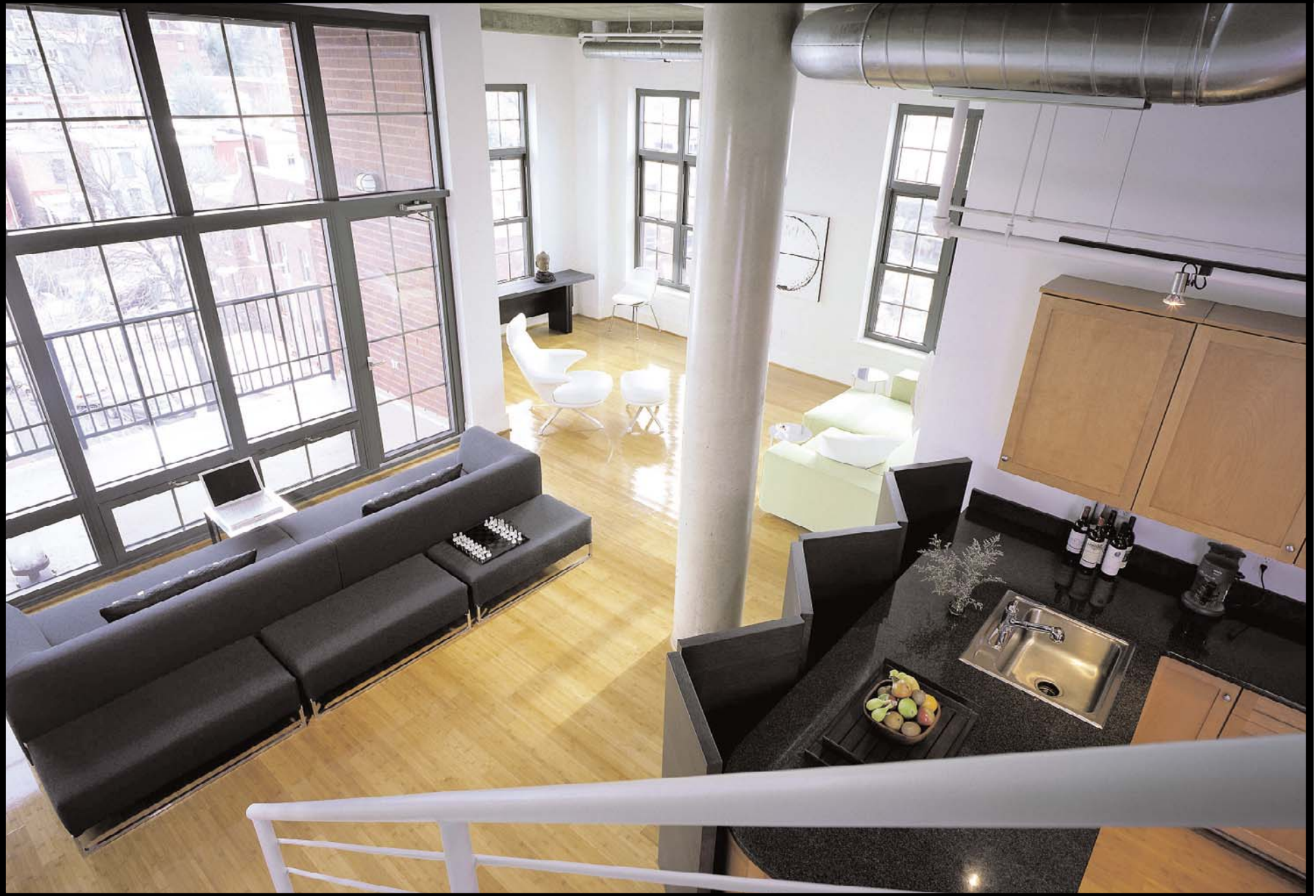
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### SOUND

**9:30 Club:** Thu., Atmosphere, Grayskul, P.O.S. Philmore Browne, 7:30 p.m., \$15; Fri., Lloyd Dobler Effect, Lionize, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Steve Earle & the Dukes, Allison Moorer, 8 p.m., \$25; Sun., Indigo Girls, The Great Unknowns, 7 p.m., sold out. 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

**Apex:** Thu., College Night, 9 p.m., \$5, free to students; Fri., DJ Alex Cohen, 9 p.m., \$8; Sat., Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8. 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

**Black Cat:** Thu., The Caribbean, Portions Toll, 9 p.m., \$5; Fri., Los Amigos Invisibles, Tortured Soul, 9:30 p.m., \$15; Sat., Shortstack, French Toast, The Spinto Band, 9:30 p.m., \$8; Sun., Dysrhythmia, Rosetta, 9 p.m., \$7. 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

**Blues Alley:** Thu., Kurt Rosewinkel Group, 8 & 10 p.m., \$18; Fri.-Sun., Wallace Roney Quintet feat. Geri Allen, 8 & 10 p.m., \$24.

1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.  
**Birchmere Music Hall:** Thu., Gerald Albright, Richard Elliot, Paul Taylor, Jeff Lorber, 7:30 p.m., sold out; Fri., Paula Poundstone, 7:30 p.m., \$35; Sat., Orchestra Baobab, 7:30 p.m., \$30. 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 800-551-7328.

**The Classics:** Sat., Suttle Thoughts, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$20. 4591 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Md.; 301-420-5353.

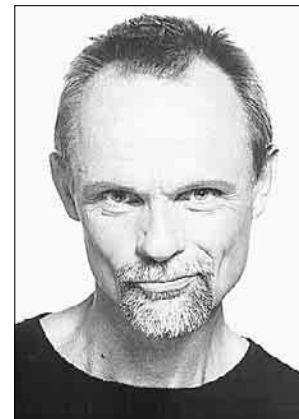
**Club Amazon:** Thu., Big G Project, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., International Fridays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Lissen Band, 11 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., Flow College Night, 10 p.m., \$10. 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

**Club Five:** Thu., Pasion, 10 p.m., \$5; Fri., Lee Burridge, Burt Blunt, 9 p.m., \$10; Sat., Tom B, DJ Taha, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Trade, 9 p.m., \$10. 1214-B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

**DC 9:** Thu., Fashion Design, Dynasty, Demivolt, 9 p.m., \$6; Fri., Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5; Sat., Jette-Ives, Paradigm 9, 9 p.m., \$8; Sun., Dutch Cousins, Blue Pinto, One Star Hotel, 9 p.m., \$6. 1949 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

**Dream:** Thu., Earth Thursdays, 9 p.m., \$20; Fri., Dream Fridays, 8 p.m., \$20; Sat., Baile do Hawaii, Smuth, Fight Night, 9 p.m., \$20. 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

### LIVE POP | FOLK ART



FILE PHOTO

**SUNSHINE DAY:** Jonathan Edwards brings the folk, acoustic pop and his hit, "Sunshine," to Wolf Trap on Thursday.

**Fur:** Thu., Sex in the City, 6 p.m., \$15; Fri., Ruf, 9:30 p.m., \$15; Sat., Glow, 9 p.m., \$15. 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-842-3401.

**Galaxy Hut:** Sat., Pontiak, Enemy of 3; Sun., Olivia Mancini, Jared Jay, all shows 9:45 p.m., free. 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

**H2O:** Thu., Usual Suspects Happy Hour & Dance Party, 5 p.m., \$15; Fri., Doug E. Fresh, Models & Bottles, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Soul Food Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$15. 800 Water St. SW; 202-484-6300.

**Iota Club & Café:** Thu., The Tarbox Ramblers, Whoa Man Jesus, 9 p.m., \$10; Fri., The Tarbox Ramblers, Whoa Man Jesus, 9:30 p.m., \$12; Sat., Lennie Gallant, Dave Gunning, Samantha Robichaud, 2 p.m., \$5; Frog Holler, Crenshaw, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Sun., Meghan Hayes, Suzanne Brindamour, 8 p.m., \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

**Jammin' Java:** Thu., Tinsmith, 8 p.m., \$10; Fri., The Kennedys, Robin Wynn, 8 p.m., \$15; Sat., Christopher Williams, 7 p.m., \$12; Jubeus, 9:30 p.m., \$8; Sun., Ben Hulan & Sugar Grove, 7 p.m., \$8. 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

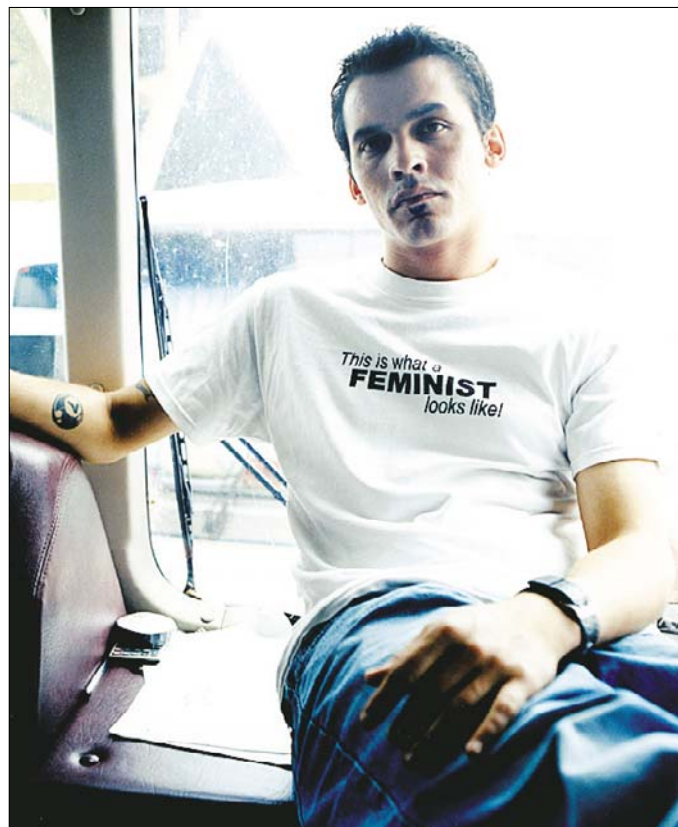
**Jaxx:** Fri., Kaemon, Go Smack Alice, Thunderbrew, et al. 6 p.m., \$10; Sat., Static Void, Elysium, et al. 2 p.m., \$10. 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, Va.; 703-569-5940.

**Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage:** Thu., The Chestnut Brass Company; Fri., Judy Simmons; Sat., Ron Kramer; Sun., Riltens Vanner, all shows 6 p.m., free. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

**Kennedy Center, Concert Hall:** Fri., Sentimental Journey: Joel Grey, Harolyn Blackwell, Aretha Franklin, Johnny Mathis, Dwight Yoakam, 7 p.m., \$30-\$150; Sun., Choral Arts Society, 3 p.m., \$17-\$50. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

**Madam's Organ:** Fri., Skyla Burrell, 10 p.m., \$5-\$7; Sat., Hungry Jackson, 10 p.m., \$5-

### LIVE HIP-HOP | WHAT RHYMES WITH EMO?



DAN WONICK

**SOMETHING IN THE AIR:** Local duo Atmosphere — Slug, above, the rhymer, and Ant the beat-master — make confessional, seductive hip-hop; it's the first feeling-man's rap outfit. They do their thing at 9:30 Club on Thursday.

## TheScene

\$7; Sun., The Pete Beck Band, 9 p.m., \$2-\$3. 2461 18th St. NW; 202-667-5370.

**Nation:** Thu., Alchemy, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., Cubik, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Velvet Nation, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

**Rams Head Tavern:** Thu., Irish Fire, 8 p.m., \$17.50; Fri., Fourplay, 7 & 10 p.m., \$55; Sat., David Sanborn, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m., sold out; Sun., The Fixx, Muffy Nixon, 7 p.m., \$28.50. 33 West St., Annapolis, Md., 410-268-4545.

**Republic Gardens:** Thu., Live Jazz Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Fri., Ol' School Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Sat., Remedy, 9 p.m., \$10. 1355 U St. NW; 202-232-2710.

**Singapore Bistro:** Fri., Krunk with DJs Meistro, Cam One & Tittsworth, 11 p.m., \$5. 1134 19th St. NW; 202-262-8950.

**State Theater:** Fri., The Legwarmers (Retro Dance Party), 9 p.m., \$10; Sat., Nayas, Machettes, The Papas Underground, 9 p.m., \$5; Sun., Orzic Tentacles, 9 p.m., \$20. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 800-551-7328.

**Twins Jazz:** Thu., Eric Wheeler Trio, 8 p.m., \$10; Fri. & Sat., Allison Miller, Ingrid Jensen, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15; Sun., Jam Session: Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m., \$10. 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

**Whitlow's on Wilson:** Thu., Johnny Jump Up; Fri., The Jerx; Sat., Sam Gunderson Band; all shows 9:30 p.m., \$4-\$5. 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-276-9693.

**Wolf Trap:** Thu., Jonathan Edwards, 8 p.m., \$20; Fri., Susan Werner, 8 p.m., \$18; Sat. & Sun., Speidel, Goodrich, Goggin & Lille, 7:30 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$18. 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 301-255-1900.

**Zanzibar:** Thu., After Work Dance Party, 5 p.m., free until 7 p.m., \$10 after; Fri., Fusion Happy Hour, 5 p.m., International Nite, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., International Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

**ABOUT VASE:** Target Gallery looks at Islamic influences in ceramics in the decorative arts show "Fertile Earth."



YAMATO MAJOLICA

## SIGHT

**Anacostia Museum:** On Their Own: Selected Works by Self-Taught Artists. Chris Clark, Mary Proctor, Simon Jackson, Ruby Williams are just a few of the self-taught artists on display. The Art of Charles Smith. New Orleans artist's cast-iron sculptures. In Celebration of Black Men: The Quilt. Thirteen Washington-area African-Americans created the story quilt in 1995, through June 12. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-287-2061.

**LAST CHANCE Arthur M. Sackler Gallery:** Asia in America: Views of Chinese Art From the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Art spanning 4,000 years of history, closes Sun. Iraq and China: Ceramics, Trade and Innovation. Treasure and history from Iraq and China, through April 24. Cai Guo-Qiang: Traveler. Contemporary Chinese-born artist on display at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sackler Gallery, through April 24. Asian Games: The Art of the Contest. Influential games out of Asia, through May 15. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-357-4880.

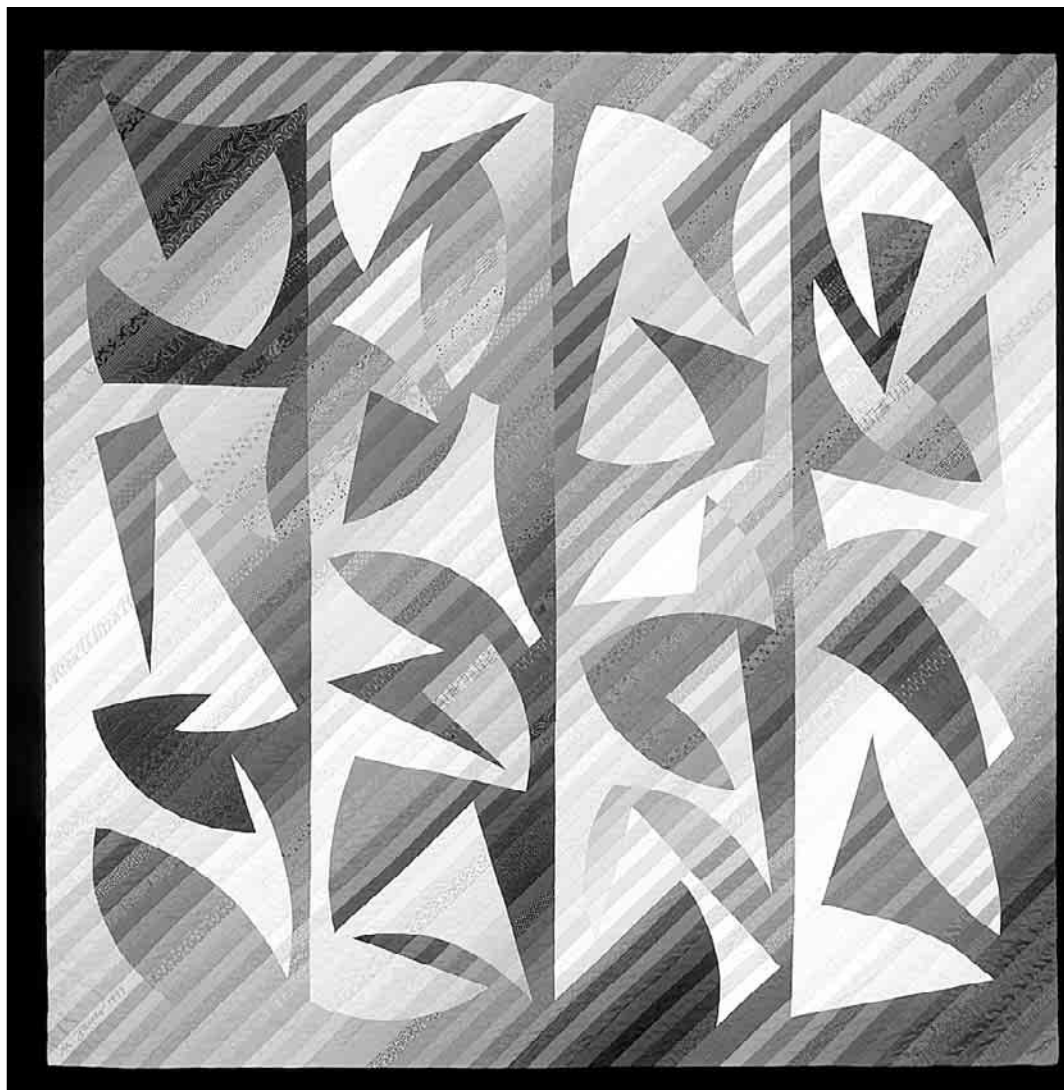
**THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Black Rock Center of the Arts:** Art League of Germantown: Various Media, closes Sun. 12901 Towns Commons Drive, Germantown, Md.; 301-528-2260.

**Conner Contemporary:** Joe Ovelman: Snow Queen. Provocative photographs starring the artist adrift, through March 26. Chul Hyun Ahn: New Work. The multimedia artist's works in wood, mirrors and lights, through March 26. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

**LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of Art:** Frank Gehry, Architect: Designs for Museums. Showcases Gehry's museum projects and plans for the Corcoran addition, closes Monday. 2005 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition. The Corcoran School of Art and Design's graduating class puts its work on display, through May 16. Figuratively Speaking: The Human Form in American Art. Examines diversity in how American artists represent the body, through May 23. 48th Corcoran Biennial: Closer to Home. Contemporary artists informed by traditional arts, opens Saturday, through June 17. Majolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics. Decorated tin-glazed earthenware from Renaissance Italy,

through July 11. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

## MUSEUMS | THREADS OF TIME



BRUCE MILLER

**BLANKET STATEMENT:** The Renwick Gallery of American art chose its finest quilts, baskets, tapestries and cloth sculptures to display as part of its textural new show, "High Fiber." The strength, diversity and beauty of the fiber arts movement is in full bloom at this unusual exhibition. Above, "Quilt #150: Rehoboth Meander," by Michael James.

**Cultural Institute of Mexico:** Mexican Report: Contemporary Mexican Art. A survey of artists living in Mexico, through April 22. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

**Folger Shakespeare Library:** Letter-Writing in Renaissance England. An overview of the early 16th- through 18th-century culture of letter-writing, through April 2. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

**Fraser Gallery Bethesda:** Fourth Annual Bethesda International Photography Competition, through April 6. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

**Fraser Gallery Georgetown:** Lida Moser, almost a century of American photography, opens Fri., through April 13. 1054 31st St., NW; 202-298-6450.

**Freer Gallery of Art:** Luxury and Luminosity. Ming dynasty treasures including porcelain, textiles and paintings, through June 26. Boating on a River. Role of boats

in Chinese painting, through Aug. 14. Rusticity Refined: Kyoto Ceramics by Ninsei. Survey of 17th-century artist Nonomura Ninsei, one of Japan's greatest potters, through Sept. 18. Black and White, Chinese ceramics from the 10th-14th centuries, through Dec. 31. 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-2700.

**Fusebox:** Valeska Soares: Notations. A mixed-media exhibition, through April 9. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

**G Fine Art:** Loop: Explores the role of loops in contemporary audio and visual art, through March 26. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

**Hemphill Fine Arts:** Max Hirshfeld: One Shot. Large-scale, colorful prints of ordinary people in common places, through March 26. Eliot Elisofon: 1930s and 1940s photographs from Life Magazine photographer, through March 26. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

**Hillwood Museum and Gardens:** Eva Zeisel: The Playful Search for Beauty. The

first survey of the designer's work in 20 years, through Dec. 4. 1227 34th St. NW; 202-686-5807.

**Hirshhorn Museum:** Cai Guo-Qiang: Directions. Contemporary Chinese-born artist on display at the Hirshhorn and Sackler, through April 24. Isamu Noguchi: Master Sculptor. Works by Japanese-American sculptor, through May 8. Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW; 202-633-4674.

**Irvine Contemporary Art:** Peter Charles. Three-dimensional works by a local artist, through April 16. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

**Kennedy Center, Terrace Gallery:** Fabulous! Fashions of the 1940s. Show highlighting the fashions of the decade, opens Friday, through April 14. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

**National Building Museum:** Origami as Architecture. Showcases the traditional art of paper-folding and new forms of

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# WeekendPass | Entertainment

## TheScene

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architecture inspired by the art, through March 27. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete. Recent projects displaying the material's strength, versatility and potential, through April 17. New Designs for Public Space. How public space can generate urban revitalization, through May 15. Recent Acquisitions: Six Centuries of Prints and Drawings. 142 of the finest works of art on paper acquired by the museum in the past five years, through May 30. Tools of the Imagination. Architects' and designers' tools, through Oct. 10. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

**National Gallery of Art:** Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits, from late 1650s and early 1660s, through May 1. André Kertész. A retrospective of the photog-

rapher's 70-year-plus career, through May 15. Fauve Painting From the Permanent Collection. Matisse and fellow "wild beasts," through May 30. Cotton Puffs, Q-Tips, Smoke and Mirrors: The Drawings of Ed Ruscha. Juxtaposed words and images from the contemporary artist, through May 30. Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre. About 250 paintings, drawings, sculptures and more, opens Sun., through June 12. Jan de Bray and the Classical Tradition. Works from the Dutch portraitist, through Aug. 14. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

**National Geographic Society:** Peru: Indigenous and Viceregal. The cultural and artistic achievements of Peru, through May 30. Mapping With Paper and Pixel, through April 25. 17th and M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

**National Museum of African Art:** Treasures. Highlights of museum's

### GALLERIES | LIFE THROUGH A LENS



**HARLEM SCENE:** Lida Moser's black-and-white portraits of everyday life in Canada and the U.S. get a retrospective at Fraser Gallery Georgetown.

pieces and private collections, through Aug. 15. Textures: Word and Symbol in Contemporary African Art. Text or graphic symbols in art, through Sept. 9. The Art of the Personal Object, permanent. Ceramics at NMAA, permanent. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600.

**National Museum of American History:** Chasing Venus: Observing the Transport of Venus, 1631-2004; through April 3. World War II Photographic Perspectives, through May 30. Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education. Exhibit reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the integration decision, through May 31. Ralph Bunche: African-American/Global Citizen. The many identities and achievements of the U.N. diplomat, Nobel Peace Prize winner and mediator, through July 5. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

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**THE PASSION RECUR (NR-NOT RATED)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15  
**ROBOTS (PG)** ✓ 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 5:30, 6:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00  
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**THE JACKET (R)** 8:05, 10:30  
**THE PACIFIER (PG)** 2:45, 3:45, 5:45, 6:45, 8:45, 9:45  
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**HITCH (PG13)** 2:00, 5:00, 6:00, 8:00  
**POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G)** 1:20  
**MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13)** 2:10, 5:10, 8:10  
**ARE WE THERE YET? (PG)** 1:35, 4:05  
**HOTEL RWANDA (PG13)** 3:20, 6:20, 9:20  
**THE AVIATOR (PG13)** 6:45, 10:25  
**SIDEWAYS (R)** 2:40, 6:35, 9:35

**UNION STATION 9**  
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**ACADEMY 8**  
Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court  
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**BE COOL (PG13)** 4:40, 7:20, 10:00  
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**CONSTANTINE (R)** 4:30, 7:20, 10:10  
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**POTOMAC MILLS 18**  
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886  
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**SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW**  
**THE RING 2 (PG13)** 12:01 AM

**HOSTAGE (R)** ✓ 1:00, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10  
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**SIDEWAYS (R)** 5:15, 7:55

**MAZZA GALLERIE**  
Jennifer and Wisconsin  
202-537-9553

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**COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8**  
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**HOSTAGE (R)** ✓ 4:15, 7:10, 9:35  
**THE PASSION RECUR (NR-NOT RATED)** 4:40, 7:20, 9:55  
**ROBOTS (PG)** ✓ 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:05  
**THE PACIFIER (PG)** 5:00, 7:40, 9:45  
**DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13)** 4:50, 7:30, 10:00  
**MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13)** 4:05, 7:05, 9:50  
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**COLUMBIA MALL 14**  
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**HOSTAGE (R)** ✓ 12:55, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00  
**THE PASSION RECUR (NR-NOT RATED)** 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:10  
**ROBOTS (PG)** ✓ 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30  
**BE COOL (PG13)** 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:15  
**THE JACKET (R)** 5:20, 8:10, 10:50  
**THE PACIFIER (PG)** 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45  
**CURSED (PG13)** 4:40, 7:15, 9:35  
**DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13)** 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15  
**MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13)** 12:35, 3:00, 5:25  
**BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG)** 12:05, 2:45  
**CONSTANTINE (R)** 12:00, 4:55, 8:05, 10:50  
**HITCH (PG13)** 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40  
**POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G)** 12:10, 2:50  
**MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13)** 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30  
**MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13)** CC 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30  
**ARE WE THERE YET? (PG)** 2:10  
**HOTEL RWANDA (PG13)** 7:55, 10:45  
**SIDEWAYS (R)** 1:05, 4:00, 7:05, 9:55

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**HOSTAGE (R)** 5:30, 8:00  
**THE PASSION RECUR (NR-NOT RATED)** 5:30, 8:10  
**ROBOTS (PG)** 5:20, 6:00, 7:40, 8:20  
**BE COOL (PG13)** 5:20, 8:00  
**THE JACKET (R)** 5:10  
**THE PACIFIER (PG)** 5:10, 7:40  
**CURSED (PG13)** 8:10  
**DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13)** 5:00, 5:40, 7:50  
**MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13)** 5:50  
**CONSTANTINE (R)** 7:30  
**HITCH (PG13)** 5:40, 8:20  
**ARE WE THERE YET? (PG)** 5:50  
**HOTEL RWANDA (PG13)** 8:30

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**HOSTAGE (R)** ✓ 5:10, 8:30  
**THE PASSION RECUR (NR-NOT RATED)** 1:30, 4:30, 8:00  
**ROBOTS (PG)** ✓ 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45  
**BE COOL (PG13)** 1:45, 4:45, 8:30  
**THE JACKET (R)** 5:20  
**THE PACIFIER (PG)** 2:15, 5:00, 8:15  
**CURSED (PG13)** 8:45  
**DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13)** 4:40, 7:45  
**MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13)** 4:50  
**MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13)** CC 4:50  
**HITCH (PG13)** 5:00, 8:15  
**MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13)** 4:30, 7:30

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DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (2:10 5:00) 7:35 10:10  
★ ROBOTS (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:20 1:30 2:30 3:50 4:50) 6:10 7:20 8:50 9:30  
★ HOSTAGE (R) (12:10 3:00 5:30) 8:00 10:30  
★ THE PASSION RE-CUT (NR) (1:50 4:30) 7:10 9:50  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1:10 4:00) 7:30 10:00  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (2:00 4:20) 6:50 9:00  
THE JACKET (R) 6:20 9:10  
CONSTANTINE (R) (2:20 5:10) 7:40 10:20  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1:00 3:30)  
HITCH (PG-13) (1:40 4:10) 7:00 9:40  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:40) 6:30 9:20

## Cineplex Odeon TYSONS FARIFAX SQUARE

8065 Leesburg Pike 703-606-9857

★ ROBOTS (PG) (12:30 2:45 4:45) 7:00 9:10  
★ HOSTAGE (R) (12:15 2:30 5:00) 7:45 10:10  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1:00 3:45) 6:45 9:30  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:45 3:00 5:15) 7:15 9:20  
CONSTANTINE (R) 10:00 P.M.  
HITCH (PG-13) (1:30 4:00) 6:50 9:40  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1:15 4:15) 7:05 9:50  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (12:00 3:15) 6:30  
SIDEWAYS (R) (1:45 4:30) 7:30 10:00

## MAGIC JOHNSON THEATRES

CAPITAL CENTRE 800 Shopper's way, Largo 301-324-4220

DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (ON 3 SCREENS) (11:00 12:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00 5:00) 6:30 7:00 8:00 9:30  
★ ROBOTS (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:10 12:10 1:40 2:40 4:10 5:10) 6:40 7:40 9:10 10:10  
★ HOSTAGE (R) (1:20 4:20) 7:20 10:20  
★ THE PASSION RE-CUT (NR) (12:40 3:40) 6:45 9:45  
★ BE COOL (PG-13) (11:30 2:20 5:20) 8:20 10:50  
★ THE PACIFIER (PG) (11:20 1:50 4:25) 6:50 9:25  
★ THE JACKET (R) 10:40  
CURSED (PG-13) 10:00  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) 9:40  
CONSTANTINE (R) (1:10 4:15) 7:10 10:15  
HITCH (PG-13) (12:20 3:20) 6:20 9:20  
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (11:40 2:10 4:40) 7:10

## Cineplex Odeon DUPONT CIRCLE 5

1350 19th Street 202-672-9966

★ OFF THE MAP (NR) (1:40 4:20) 6:50 9:50  
SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES (PG) (12:15 2:45 5:15) 7:50 10:20  
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (2:00 4:40) 7:20 10:00  
BAD EDUCATION (NC-17) (1:30 4:10) 7:00 9:45  
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:00 3:50) 6:40 9:30  
Cineplex Odeon UPTOWN 3426 Connecticut Avenue 202-966-8805  
★ ROBOTS (PG) (12:00 2:20 4:50) 7:20 9:45

## Loews RIO 18

9811 Washington Blvd., Gathersburg 301-948-0906

★ ROBOTS Rear Window Captioning (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:20 1:50 4:20) 7:00 9:30  
★ (12:35 3:05 5:35) 7:55 10:05  
★ HOSTAGE (R) (12:50 3:30) 6:10 8:50  
★ THE PASSION RE-CUT (NR) (12:25 3:25) 6:25 9:25  
BE COOL (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (10:15 12:00 1:05 2:50 3:55 5:40) 8:30 9:55  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:10 12:05 1:30 2:25 4:00 4:55) 6:30 7:35 9:00 10:05  
THE JACKET (R) 7:50 10:10 P.M.  
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (11:30 2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:00  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (11:40 2:30 5:20) 8:10  
CURSED (PG-13) (3:10) 8:05  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) (12:40 5:45) 10:20  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (11:35 2:20 5:10)  
CONSTANTINE (R) (1:35 4:15) 7:15 9:55  
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) (11:00) A.M.  
HITCH (PG-13) (11:50 2:40 5:30) 8:20  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:45 3:45) 6:45 9:45  
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) 6:55 P.M.  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:20 5:00) 8:40  
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (1:10 3:40) 6:20 9:10  
SIDEWAYS (R) (1:00 3:50) 6:50 9:40

## Cineplex Odeon SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph 703-671-0978

★ SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES (PG) (12:30 2:50 5:20) 7:40 10:00  
GUNNER PALACE (PG-13) (1:40 3:50 5:50) 7:50 10:10  
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:20 9:00  
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:20 4:20) 7:00 9:40  
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S THE MERCHANT OF VENICE (R) (12:50 3:40) 6:40 9:20  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:00 4:30) 8:00  
SIDEWAYS (R) (1:30 4:10) 7:20 9:50  
Cineplex Odeon WISCONSIN AVE. CINEMAS 4000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. 202-244-0882  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1:50 4:20) 7:00 9:40  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:50 3:00 5:15) 7:30 9:40  
HITCH (PG-13) (1:10 4:00) 6:40 9:20  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:20 9:10  
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:00 3:40) 6:30 9:30  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (12:30 4:30) 8:00

## Cineplex Odeon ST. CHARLES TOWNE CTR. 9

11115 Mall Circle, Waldorf 301-645-0818

★ ROBOTS (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:35 2:40 3:45 4:55) 6:15 7:05 8:55  
★ HOSTAGE (R) (2:55 5:25) 7:55 10:25  
BE COOL (PG-13) (2:30 5:05) 7:40 10:15  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1:50 4:05) 6:30 9:15  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (1:00 3:30) 6:55 9:35  
CURSED (PG-13) 9:55 P.M.  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) 9:05 P.M.  
CONSTANTINE (R) (1:20 4:15) 7:20 9:45  
HITCH (PG-13) (2:00 4:45) 7:30 10:05  
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (2:15 4:30) 6:45

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DOWNFALL (R) (12:20 3:30) 6:40 9:50  
ROBOTS (PG) (11:40 12:50 1:50 3:00 4:00 5:10) 6:10 7:20 8:20 9:30 10:30  
HOSTAGE (R) (12:00 2:30 5:00) 7:30 10:00  
BE COOL (PG-13) (12:10 1:40 2:50 4:20 5:30) 7:00 8:10 9:40 10:50  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (11:00 1:30 3:50) 6:30 9:00  
THE JACKET (R) (11:50 5:20) 10:10  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (12:40 3:10 5:50) 8:30 11:00  
CONSTANTINE (R) (1:20 4:10) 10:40  
HITCH (PG-13) (11:30 2:10 4:50) 7:40 10:20  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:30 3:20) 6:20 9:20  
BEING JULIA (R) (11:10)  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:00 4:30) 8:00  
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (2:40) 7:50  
SIDEWAYS (R) (11:20 2:20) 6:00 8:50

## Loews WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda 310-423-1014

★ ROBOTS (PG) (12:30 2:50 5:10) 7:30 9:50  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:50 3:15 5:35) 7:45 10:00  
HITCH (PG-13) (1:15 4:05) 7:00 9:35  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:35 9:20  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:30 5:00) 8:45

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IMAGINARY HEROES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (135 440) 725 1005  
ROBOTS (PG) DIG ★ (Stadium) (1200 1240 215 255 430 510) 700 735 920 955  
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (100 155 410 450) 655 740 940 1020  
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (150) 915  
THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1210 225 445) 715 930  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1255 140 350 435) 635 720 925 1010  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (110 405) 705 950  
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (115 400) 645 935  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1235 345) 650 1000  
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) DIG (Stadium) (415) 640

### BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#

BORN INTO BROTHELS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 310 520) 730 950  
MERCHANT OF VENICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 355) 655 1000  
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (100 135 350 455) 645 720 800 930 1010  
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (220 450) 725 1015  
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) DIG (225 505) 735 1005  
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (1255 405) 700 955  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) DIG (120 430) 705  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) DIG (130 420) 710  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 315 515) 945  
CURSED (PG-13) DIG (110 400) 650 935  
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) DIG (425) 715 940  
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) DIG (110 400) 650 935  
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) DIG (425) 715 940

### ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13

Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#

BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (100 405) 715 1010  
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (125 425) 735 1040  
ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1230 130 300 400 530) 700 800 930  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1235 345 445) 650 950 1020  
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D (115) 740  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (105 330) 640 920  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (120 430) 750 1050  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 340) 705 1015  
HITCH (PG-13) (1255 355) 645 945  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1250 420) 730 1045  
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (110 415) 725 1025  
SIDEWAYS (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 410) 710 1000

### BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

ROBOTS (PG) ★ (145 440) 715 935  
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 415) 730 1005  
BE COOL (PG-13) (110 140 400 435) 655 725 945 1015  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (130 445) 740 955  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (105 405) 705 1010  
HITCH (PG-13) (110 355) 650 930  
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (135 420) 735 1000  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (100 430) 800  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (115 350) 745  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) 1020

### POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

ROBOTS (PG) DIG ★ (Stadium) (1135 1215 100 150 240 340 420 500) 620 650 720 840 910  
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1150 1250 230 400 510) 700 755 1000 1030  
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1220 120 310 430) 625 740 905 1025  
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1140 220 505) 735 1020  
THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1140 1240 205 300 440 520) 710 750 930 1010 940  
CURSED (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1130 1230 210 315 450) 630 730 920 1015  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1155 235 515)  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1210 330) 615 745 900 1030  
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1210 330) 615 745 900 1030  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1200 320) 640 950  
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1145 215 445) 725 955

### BOWIE STADIUM 14

15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 1255 335 405) 650 730 950 1035  
ROBOTS (PG) DIG (1205 235 500) 725  
ROBOTS (PG) DIG ★ (1235 105 305 340 530) 600 755 820 1025 1045  
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (1200 125 400 425) 700 740 1000 1040  
THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (1220 250 520) 750 1020  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (1245 115 345 415) 645 715 745 945 1015 1045  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) DIG (950)  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 350) 700 955  
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (1230 335) 650 950  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (1215 330) 655 1010  
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (1210 240 505)

### COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1150 1220 100 140 220 300 340 420 500 540) 610 700 740 840 950  
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 450) 750 1030  
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (110 410) 710 1010  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1140 130 230 430 530) 730 830 930 1030  
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D (1135 250) 615 910  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1130 1200 1240 200 240 320 440 520) 620 720 820 900 945 915  
CURSED (PG-13) (150 500)  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (800 1040 810 1035)  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) (1210 345) 645  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1250 350) 650 940  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 210 515) 715 815 1020  
HITCH (PG-13) (1245 245 510)  
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) (1145 310) 640 1000  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1215 415) 850  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1230 330) 630 920  
SIDEWAYS (R) - ID REQ'D

### FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

WORK AND THE GLORY (PG) (130 430) 710 945  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1250 115 145 345 415 445) 645 715 745 930 1000 1030  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (100 400) 700 730 1005 1035  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1245 420) 800  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (220 450) 705 935  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (215 505) 750 1040  
SON OF THE MASK (PG) (245 515)  
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) (100 300) 500  
THE WEDDING DATE (PG) 740 1015

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20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

ROBOTS (PG) DIG ★ (Stadium) (1230 200 230 300 430 500 530) 700 730 800 1000 1030  
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (140 445) 745 1040  
THE PACIFIER (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1230 145 300 415 530) 650 750 930 1030  
BE COOL (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (100 150 400 450) 700 750 1000  
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) 740 1015  
CURSED (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) 940  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (115 420) 715 1010  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (130 410) 645 930  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) DIG (Stadium) (200 450)  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (120 420)  
HITCH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (110 410) 710 1010  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1240 400) 710 1020

### UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (100 415) 745 1010  
HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 430) 730 1010  
ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1230 115 200 315 400 500) 615 700 745 915 1015  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1245 345) 700 930 1000  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (115 215 400 500) 715 800 950  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (100 415) 715 1000  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1245)  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (330) 645 940  
HITCH (PG-13) (145 445) 730 1015  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (130 445) 815  
SIDEWAYS (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 330) 630 940  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (200) 600

### MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

HOSTAGE (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 355) 710 1010  
ROBOTS (PG) ★ (1110 1140 1210 145 215 245 415 450 510) 650 720 740 915 945  
BE COOL (PG-13) (1215 1240 310 345) 630 710 1005 1055  
THE JACKET (R) - ID REQ'D (955)  
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1120 1150 155 225 430 500) 700 730 930 1000  
CURSED (PG-13) (405) 950  
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (1225 320) 645 935  
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13) (100) 705  
BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1200 250) 610  
CONSTANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 340) 640 940  
HITCH (PG-13) (1230 330) 625 915  
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1130 300) 620 925  
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) 855

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## Eating Around

### WORSHIP

#### Bring Home the Bacon

There is one perfect food in the world, and that food is bacon. March 21 is the kickoff for a series of "Bacon Dinners" at **DAVID GREGGORY RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE**. Chef and owner David Gregory is co-host with Dan Phillips of the Grateful Palate Bacon of the Month Club and winemaker Chris Ringland. There will be hors d'oeuvres and four courses that pay tribute to The Great Bacon. Each participant gets to take home a pound of artisanal — you guessed it — bacon!

KRISTEN PAGE

7 p.m.; \$75 per person plus tax and tip; 2030 M St. NW; 202-872-8700. (Dupont Circle)

### DEBUTS

#### You Lite Up My Life

Some enjoy nice restaurants because of the high-quality food. And some enjoy them because the portions are so small one cannot possibly overeat without ordering six or seven meals. Both ought to enjoy Bethesda's **ROCK CREEK RESTAURANT**, where nutrition-conscious meals are the order of the day. Small portions and healthy ingredients — a nutritionist helped design the menu — mean you can have an appetizer, salad, entrée and

dessert for just 600 calories (don't believe it? Nutrition info is printed on the back of the menus). The dessert selection is, ahem, slim, with super-low-calorie sweets such as strawberry soup, broiled pineapple with ice cream and fresh raspberries with yogurt. **JAIME MALARKEY** (EXPRESS)

4917 Elm Street, Bethesda; 301-907-7625. (Bethesda)



Zest, a new restaurant in Frederick, makes the most of local ingredients.

### DEBUTS

#### Zestfully Clean ... Plates

Chef/owners David Jones and Keith Sleppy have reopened **ZEST**, formerly of Monrovia, Md., in Frederick. The New American menu highlights local ingredients with offerings like baby-octopus salad (straight from the Potomac), rabbit-and-black-truffle pate and something called Love Dog — pine-nut-crusted, zest-cured ham wrapped in foie gras. And that's just off the appetizer menu. Look for good old-fashioned grub such as chicken potpies

and slow-roasted Cuban pork sandwiches at lunch. J.M.

200 South Market Street, Frederick; 301-620-7480.

### DEBUTS

#### Some Like It Hot

Let your craving for curry run rampant at **Café Spice**, a New York City-based bistro chain that opened its first metro location at Gaithersburg's Rio Center earlier this month. The menu is as contemporary as the décor, which is pretty darned contemporary with its stainless-steel bar and glass-enclosed tandoor kitchen. Entrees include regional Indian dishes like Goan lamb vindaloo and TAMILIAN spicy chicken stew. Late hours and boxed lunches to-go are bonuses. J.M.

9811 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg; 301-330-6611.

### BOOZE

#### Theme My Martini, Barkeep!

Does anyone under age 25 even remember what a regular martini tastes like? Probably not, so head to the Spy Museum's **ZOLA**, where a new spring martini lineup debuts March 21. Check out the Leninade — Russian vodka, ginger-infused lemonade and hibiscus syrup — or the Moneypenny, citrus rum and vodka with rosewater and lemon hair, named for Bond's Girl Friday. Had she made a few of these for James, she wouldn't have been stuck behind that desk for so long. K.P.

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**National Museum of the American Indian:** Our Universes: Traditional Knowledge Shapes Our World, ongoing. Native Modernism: George Morrison and Allan Houser, ongoing. 4th Street and Jefferson Drive SW, 202-633-1000.

**National Museum of Natural History:** In Focus: National Geographic's Greatest Portraits, through Mid-April. Orchids: The Orchid Express: From Mountaintop to Tabletop. Discusses the transformation and discovery of the flower, through May 1. Hawaiian Treasures. Presents key objects of Hawaiian cultural and ethnic identity, through March. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-2700.

**National Museum of Women in the Arts:** Sheila Isham: The Victoria Series. Isham's five powerful paintings that pay tribute to her daughter, who died of AIDS, through April 24. Berthe Morisot: An Impressionist and Her Circle. More than 75 works by Morisot and her colleagues, through May 8. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

**National Postal Museum:** In the Line of Duty: Dangers, Disasters and Good Deeds. An exhibition dedicated to America's postal workers, through Oct 7. Stamps Take Flight. Stamps with air and space themes, through March 19, 2006. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-1000.

**Numark Gallery:** Shimon Attie: The History of Another. Photographs from various sites, through April 9. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

**Octagon Museum:** Doodles, Drafts and Designs: Industrial Drawings From the Smithsonian Institution. Sketches, drawings and documents of domestic and industrial icons, through April 30. 1799 New York Ave. NW; 202-638-3105.

**Phillips Collection:** Modigliani: Beyond the Myth, through May 29. A survey of

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nearly 100 paintings, drawings and sculptures by the "quintessential bohemian." 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

**Pyramid Atlantic Art Center:** Billy Colbert, multi-layered silkscreen prints about D.C.'s poverty. Trish Tillman, "Ceretic Paribus," a video and light installation and three-dimensional prints examining how we control information. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-608-9101.

**Renwick Gallery:** High Fiber. Fiber art

from quilts to tapestries to baskets, through July 10. 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

**LAST CHANCE S. Dillon Ripley Center:** In the Russian Tradition: A Historic Collection of 20th-Century Russian Paintings. The works of unfamiliar Russian artists, closes Sun. Miracle Under the Waves: Undersea photography of coral reefs, through May 1. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000.

**Target Gallery:** Fertile Earth: Islamic Influence in Contemporary Ceramics, through April 24. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

**Textile Museum:** Beyond the Bag: Textiles as Containers. Shows the beauty and utility of textile bags, through June 5. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

**U.S. Botanic Garden:** Orchid Express. Up close with this exotic, elusive favorite, through May 1. Wollemi Pine. A live specimen of this ancient tree is inspiring botanists and conservationists, through May 28. 245 1st St. SW; 202-225-8333.

**Zenith Gallery:** Re-Vision: The Silver Anniversary of Neon Art at Zenith, through April 17. 413 7th St NW; 202-783-2963.

**STAGE**

**Afterplay:** Characters from Anton Chekhov meet in a Moscow cafe, through April 17, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$48. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

**The All Night Strut!** A classy and sassy musical with tunes from the 1930s and '40s, through March 27, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 & 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$32-\$37. Metro Stage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

**LAST CHANCE An Ideal Husband:** Oscar Wilde's play about morality and politics, closes Sat. 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sun.), 2 p.m. (Sat.), \$10-\$20. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Shirlington; 703-243-6366.

**LAST CHANCE As You Like It:** One-hour adaptation for children of the Bard's romantic comedy, closes Sun. 7 p.m. (Fri.), 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. (Sat.), 1 p.m. (Sun.), \$14. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

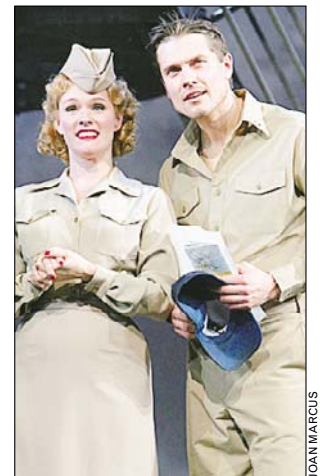
**Betty Rules: The Exception to the Musical:** Musical about the rock band Betty, performed by the band itself, through April 3, 7:30 p.m. (Thu. & Sun.), 8 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$36. District of Columbia Jewish Community Cen-

ter, 1529 16th St. NW; 202-777-3229.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Black Expressions: Dance!** Andrea E. Woods & Dancers/Soulworks; Urban Bush Women, 8 p.m. (Sat.), \$20. Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; 202-397-7328.

**Columbus:** Dramatic account of the Columbine High School shootings, through April 3, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$30-\$35. Round House Theatre, 8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 240-644-1100.

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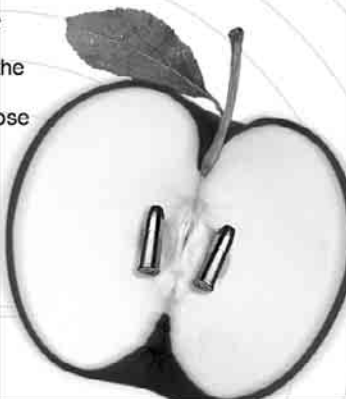
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**Men ...** : Sam Harris joins the chorus for a performance featuring singing, dancing and costumes, 8 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$15-\$45. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; 202-397-7328.

**The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?** A married man's life turns to shambles when he falls in love with ... another in this controversial Edward Albee play, through April 17, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$45-\$60. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

**LAST CHANCE International Festival of Hispanic Theatre:** Teatro de la Luna. A showcase of Spanish-language works from around the globe, closes Sat., 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sat.), \$20-\$25. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 202-882-6227.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY National Acrobats of Taiwan:** Juggling, magic, contortion, balance and martial arts, 4:30 p.m. (Sat.), \$25-\$55. 2700 F St. NW; Kennedy Center, 202-467-4600.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Maestro: Mark Jaster.** Mime

artist's program is filled with movement, music and humor, 10 & 11:30 a.m. (Fri.), \$5. S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-3030.

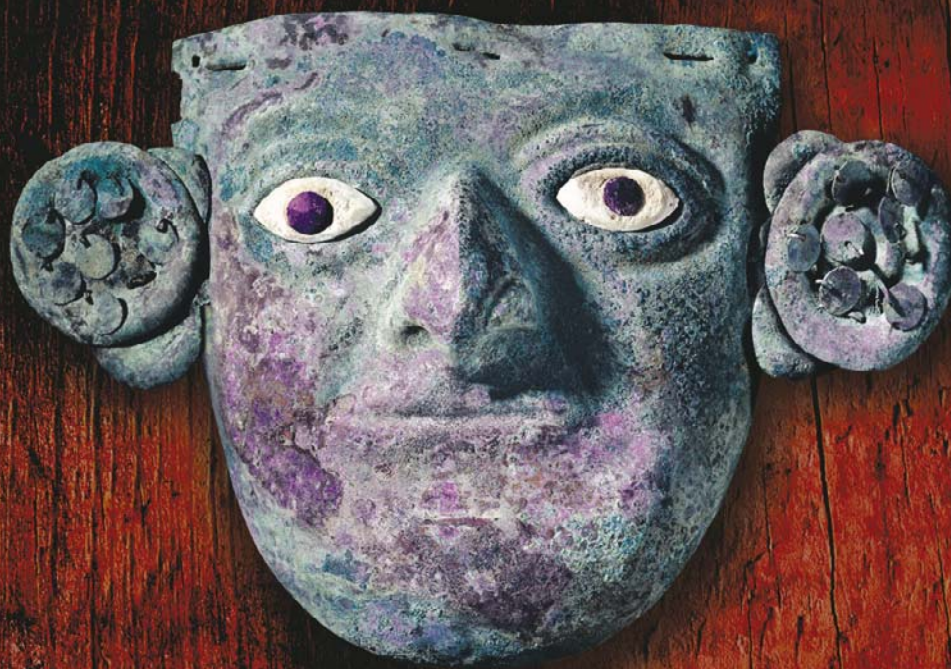


GEORGE LARKINS

**The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore:** Washington Shakespeare Company. A woman with a past is bedeviled by the presence of a mysterious hustler, through April 3; \$22-\$30. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 800-494-8497.

**Mister Roberts:** War is comedy aboard ship in this classic play from the 1940s, through April 3, 7:30 p.m. (Thu.-Sun.), 1:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.),

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**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Paula Poundstone:** stand-up comic with a jaundiced view of modern life, 7:30 p.m. (Fri.), \$35. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 202-397-7328.

**Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding Hood:** This spicy musical version of the Red Riding Hood story is set in the bayou, through April 3, 3:30 & 7 p.m. (Sat.), 2:30 & 3:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$10-\$15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660.

**LAST CHANCE The Playboy of the Western World:** Keegan Theatre: J.M. Synge's classic about a stranger who wreaks havoc in a small Irish town, closes Sat., 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), \$25. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 202-265-3767.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Rent:** Award-winning musical celebrating a community of artists struggling with having more imagination than money, 7 p.m. (Fri.), 2 & 8 p.m. (Sat.), 1 & 6:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$55. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-397-7328.

**LAST CHANCE Saint Joan:** A modern view of French martyr Joan of Arc by George Bernard Shaw, through Saturday, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$15-\$39. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400.

**The Spitfire Grill:** Theatre Alliance. The story of a young woman starting over, through April 10, 8 p.m. (Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sun.), \$25. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-2125.

**Ten Unknowns:** An obscure artist living in Mexico finds success in New York art circles, through April 24, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$24-\$39. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-218-6500.

**Tonic:** Washington Improv Theater: Local fast-thinkers gin up a musical based on the audience's suggestions, through April 9, 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), \$10. Flashpoint, 1916 G St. NW; 202-462-7833.

**The Ugly Duckling:** Puppet show of the classic Hans Christian Anderson tale, through May 28, 12 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$12. Classika Theatre, 4041 S. 28th St., Arlington; 703-824-0660.

**You Never Can Tell:** A social pioneer discovers she's behind the times in George Bernard Shaw's satire, through April 3, 7:30 p.m. (Thu.), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 2:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$28-\$30. Washington Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW; 240-582-0050.

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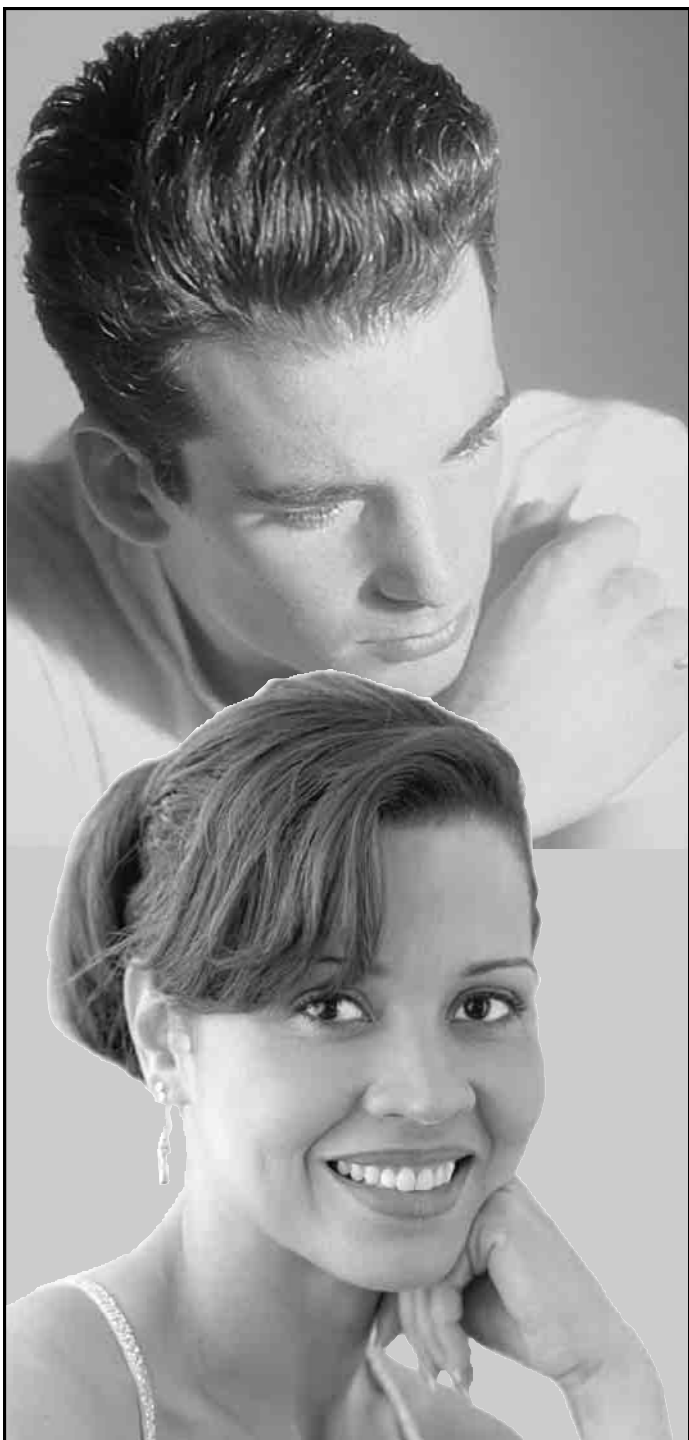
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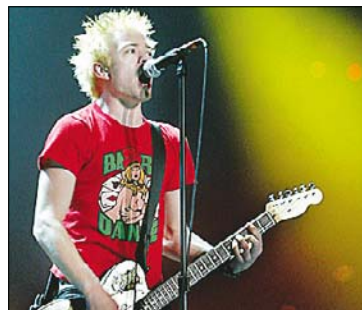
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## THURSDAY

The DC101-sponsored **KEGSANDEGGS** is the largest annual St. Patrick's Day event that doesn't take place in an Irish pub. This year, Better Than Ezra, Sum 41 and Carbon Leaf join host Elliott and his guest Corey from Slipknot. Doors open at 8 a.m. for breakfast and pints of Guinness, but bands will perform throughout the day. It's free, so expect gargantuan lines.

There's a local rock flavor at Party D.C.'s annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY BLOWOUT**, with Welbilt, 8 Track Jones and High Maintenance. It's all going down at Herndon's Carpool, where you can choose from basketball, pool, foosball, darts and modern-rock cover bands. Admission is \$5 "early"; doors open at 4 p.m.



KEVIN FRAYER/AP

Sum 41 (with Bizzy D) and other bands make St. Patrick's magic in D.C.

## FRIDAY

Euronet International draws plenty a fairly diverse crowd to its monthly happy hour. This month, the meeting is at **YUCA**, a Cuban-style lounge with great mojitos (\$5 all night) and salsa music. Ten bucks (see euronetinternational.com or y3h.org) covers drink specials and a Cuban buffet.

It's not often we can share news of an internationally famous DJ appearing in NoVa, but tonight, DJ Sammy — who's had number one European singles and a residency on Ibiza — headlines a night of house, trance and techno at the **CLARENDON BALLROOM**. Tickets are \$19 from dchotspot.com.

## SATURDAY

We all know that Washington is a hotbed of causes. **FASHION LIVES 2005** at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium is a good synergy of

entertainment, organization and social buzz. The combination fashion show/live performance from Mint Condition helps raise money for the Ummah Fund, which works to fight AIDS in the African-American community. Find out more at [www.ummahfund.org](http://www.ummahfund.org).

Thanks to Bishop Don Magic Juan and the high inventory of afro wigs at costume shops, anyone can put together a pimped-out ensemble. At Bud's, WPFW's Captain Fly hosts the **'70S FLASHBACK PLAYERS' BALL** while Jas Funk (founder of Rare Essence and fellow DJ) rocks the 8-track tapes. We are not making up that last part, nor the promise of free chicken and fish dinners, Boone's Farm and Ripple.

## SUNDAY

The Potomac River Jazz Club's mission is to raise the level of ragtime and Dixieland jazz, and there's no better chance to see it than the club's annual **JAZZ JUBILEE**. Held at the Radisson Hotel in Alexandria, it features top local ensembles like the Federal Jazz Commission, HOTS Jazz Orchestra and the Last Chance Jazz Band. See [prjc.org](http://prjc.org) for information and tickets.

It seems that Taint, the monthly dance night for the Britpop and electro-loving gay and lesbian crowd, is onto something. Now, other gay clubs want in on the act. Tonight, Cobalt is hosting its second installment of **GOD SAVE THE QUEENS**, beginning at 9 p.m. It's free, and there'll be drink specials.



JAMES M. THRESHER/TWP

Bob Thulman of the Last Chance Jazz Band helps keep old-time jazz fresh.

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PRESTON KERES/TWP

Classically trained Scythian is popularly considered to play Celtic music for people who hate Celtic music, but love rock.

# Going Green For St. Pat's

## A partial list of local pubs in which to get your Guinness on

**OUT & ABOUT** Even if you're not Irish, there's a good chance you're heading out to one of the area's pubs. Some tips: Arrive early, make sure you have enough money, don't expect to sit down. And never, ever drink green beer.

### THE DUBLINER

The Dubliner is always packed on St. Patrick's Day, so the pub takes over adjoining ballroom and upstairs banquet rooms. It opens at 10 a.m.; three bands rotate between two stages. 520 N. Capitol St. NW; \$10 cover; 202-737-3773.

### FINN MAC COOL'S

The Irish pub on Barrack's Row is open from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m., with live music for most of the day. The Flying Cows of Ventry perform traditional



Stay away from green beer, even if it's free.

Irish music from 11 to 4. They're followed by Wolf Creek Session. Celtic party band Scythian takes over from 9 p.m. to close. 713 8th St. SE; \$10 cover; 202-547-7100.

### IRELAND'S FOUR COURTS

A tent will be set up in the parking lot behind the pub to hold all the revelers, but the owners are putting three satellite bars throughout the two main bar and dining

rooms. Live music begins at 11 a.m. and goes until last call. 2051 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; \$10 cover after 3 p.m., 703-525-3600.

### THE IRISH CHANNEL

This pub will have tents outside and offers an expanded dinner menu. There's no cover charge, and the live music from Brendan's Voyage starts around 4 p.m. 500 H St. NW; 202-216-0046.

### MACKEY'S PUBLIC HOUSE

The Mackey's in Crystal City is one of the few "traditional" Irish bars to offer drink specials on St. Patrick's Day — discounted Killian's and Miller Lite pints. 320 S. 23rd St., Arlington; 703-412-1113.

### RI-RA

This Bethesda Irish bar offers a full day of live music, starting with piper Lewis McElroy (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), followed by singer Justin Sheehy (2 to 6 p.m.) and then local Irish band Schizophonic (7 p.m. to close). 4931 Elm St., Bethesda; 301-657-1122.

And please remember SoberRide. Between 4 p.m., March 17, and 4 a.m., March 18, you can get a free ride home if you dial 1-800-200-TAXI. FRITZ HAHN

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